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US-27 resurfacing begins this spring

► MDOT, Road Commission work on alternate routes to prepare for project

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has a major construction project planned for a section of US-27 this year: resurfacing almost 10 miles of the roadway starting in the spring of 2000.

The section of US-27 to be worked on runs from South Higgins Lake Road north to I-75. MDOT's plans include crushing and shaping the road and overlay, a \$6 million job.

One problem the project presents

is alternate routes for US-27 traffic once the busy summer traffic season begins.

(MDOT's plan calls for special guidelines for Memorial Day weekend, including no lane closures northbound on Friday and Saturday, and no closures Sunday and Monday on southbound lanes, in order to minimize delay to motorists during the busy traveling weekend.)

Last week, Development Engineer Scott Thayer of MDOT's Grayling Transportation Service Center met with the Road Commission Board to discuss ways to deal with further deterioration of the alternate routes due to the probable increase in traffic, specifically with regard to Military Road.

The widening of I-75 from the south Grayling exit to Four Mile Road last summer resulted in more wear on Military Road, since it was utilized as an alternate route in that



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Over three months after the retirement of long-time Grayling City Manager Jerry Morford, the city council made the decision to hire former District 105 State Representative Allen Lowe from a pool of seven candidates. Lowe went to work January 3 and commented he had already received many calls before noon on subjects such as sign ordinances. Lowe said the only thing missing in the manager's office is a computer. He said he would like to see high-tech, non-polluting business make their way to Grayling to help bring higher paying jobs to the community. For more on the story, see Page 2A.

Road Board sticks with same officers

► Swiercz and Nelson retain Chair, Vice-Chair duties

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

At the Road Commission Board's first meeting of 2000, held last Thursday morning, the commissioners opted to stay with the same officers: Ray Swiercz, Chairman, and Robert Nelson, Vice-Chair.

Nelson suggested the board stick with the '99 officer positions due to the litigations currently facing board members Swiercz and Nelson. Commissioner Tom Perry seconded Nelson's motion, which passed with a 3-0 vote.

► Board opts to go with crushing and shaping, not overlay

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

After a thorough discussion of the matter last week, the Road Commission Board decided to proceed with the Old 27 project as presented by Northwest Design Group, the Road Commission's engineering firm. The project will be submitted for bids through the state, and should be let in March of this year.

The Road Board and Northwest

Design discussed two key issues with regard to the project: the method of reconstruction, and the resulting road width following the resurfacing work.

The \$800,000 project, which received \$650,000 in state and federal funding through the Road Commission's eight-county Task Force meeting, was engineered by NDG to be a crushing and shaping operation, which involves using machinery to chew up the existing pavement and compacting it to create a base, then paving over that base.

Board Vice-Chairman Robert Nelson disagreed with Northwest Design Group's evaluation of the

effectiveness of the crush and shape method, and suggested overlaying the road, which would mean building up and compacting the road edges and, using the existing pavement as a base, paving over the road.

Nelson also felt the roadway would benefit from an increase in width. The NDG plan calls for 11-foot traveling lanes and 6-foot paved shoulders for a total width of 34 feet.

Since Old 27 is used as a bus route, a heavy trucking route, and will be used in the non-motorized

pathway system, the reconstructed road should be wider, Nelson said, preferably at 40 feet total width.

Since the project has already been funded, there have been problems redesigning the project and keeping it within budget.

Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock suggested the road be built with 12-foot travel lanes and 7-foot shoulders for a width of 38 feet. Depending on the bids, he said, there may be funds available to go to the 38-foot width.

Chairman Ray Swiercz said the Road Commission should consider

paying for the extra width even if the bids don't come in low enough to cover the additional work.

According to a basic estimate by NDG, the added width would cost about \$48,000 over the course of the six-mile project.

Commissioner Tom Perry moved to submit the plan for bids as presented by NDG (including the crush and shape) with the possibility of having the road built at 38 feet wide rather than 34.

Chairman Swiercz seconded the motion, which passed 2-1. Nelson voted "no."

New law helps satellite customers with local signals

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Slowly, but surely, 18-inch satellite dish subscribers were losing their viewing power because local broadcast network affiliates fought to keep distant signals, from places like New York City, out of northern Michigan and other places across the country. A new law should help restore the lost signals.

Local station owners complained they were losing advertising dollars because viewers were choosing to watch ABC, NBC, CBS and FOX network programming originating from outside the local market.

Many people in Crawford County, and elsewhere, felt some frustration when their satellite channels began to dwindle away because local station owners claimed their signals were strong enough to provide a quality picture to even the most remote locations and presented a "scientific study" to a Florida judge in 1998, who agreed with the study, and instituted the black-outs in areas throughout the country.

The study took into consideration such things as the curvature of the earth and signal strength. What the study could not possibly reveal with any amount of accuracy was the dif-

ferent terrain, forested areas and weather conditions at any given time in all areas affected by the decision.

In the heart of Crawford County, even with a good rooftop antenna equipped with a booster, most local stations fail to provide the same high-quality picture provided by a satellite signal, so Congress went to work on finding a fair solution to the problem nationwide.

In late 1999, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1554, the Satellite Copyright, Competition, and Consumer Protection Act. Michigan's District 4 Representative Dave Camp said he was proud to cast his vote in favor of this bill. He said the bill was added to the year end government spending bill and was signed into law November 29, 1999.

In a letter from Camp's office, dated January 5, he explains:

"The new law allows satellite television companies to carry local stations, ensuring satellite broadcasters and cable providers evenly compete for consumers' business. Previously, satellite broadcasters could only send networks such as ABC, NBC, CBS and FOX from distant cities like New York.

"In real terms, this law means that in the future, consumers will be able to receive not only the major network stations, which many satellite dish owners had switched off in recent months, but also your local news and information.

"In addition, the law also ensures subscribers who have recently lost signals, or were about to lose their signals, will continue to receive network signals on their dishes.

"Lastly, consumers who do not currently receive local broadcast signals can request and receive timely consideration for a waiver so that they receive distant signals."

When and if local broadcast affiliates in northern Michigan will choose to provide satellite signals for dish subscribers is not known and the law only guarantees timely consideration of a waiver request. Satellite providers, such as DIRECTV, have provided waiver request forms to their customers, but a waiver can be requested by writing a letter to the local station affiliates, then sending it by either regular mail or e-mail.

If waivers are granted, satellite customers can expect to again be charged for receiving the network broadcast signals.

Another threat, another search... still no suspect

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Grayling High School students were inconvenienced once again by the scrawlings of what school officials and the sheriff are calling a bomb threat.

The threat to "blow up" the school was discovered on Tuesday, January 4 in the same boys' bathroom (near the school's main office) where a threat was written last spring. This time, the culprit wrote on the inside of a stall instead of on the wall.

Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely said his department will continue to follow up on the many tips he has received and hopes the \$1,000 reward offered by the Crawford AuSable School District will bring forward solid information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the individual who caused the entire school district to close for a day as a precautionary measure. Michigan State Police bomb-sniffing dogs were brought in and the entire student body went through metal detectors and a search of their belongings when



Arko, a member of the Michigan State Police Canine Team who specializes in finding hidden explosives, prepares for duty outside of Grayling High School last Thursday. He is accompanied by Trooper Steven Escott of the Michigan State Police Bridgeport Post.

they returned to school Friday, January 7.

Superintendent Kent Reynolds said he couldn't be prouder of the way the students cooperated with the search efforts. Reynolds said the school board will most likely

expel the student who made the threat, as well as seek criminal charges against anyone involved.

Anyone with any information should call Det. Rich Meyer at 344-3218. Caller identities will be kept confidential, Sheriff Lovely said.

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Council selects manager

► Former state rep Allen Lowe chosen for the City Manager position

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Allen Lowe of Grayling, former District 105 state representative, was recently selected by the Grayling City Council to fill the vacant City Manager position, and attended his first meeting as manager this past Monday, January 10.

Last Thursday, January 6, at a special meeting, the council held a second interview with Lowe and Joe Wakeley, the two finalists for the job.

In December, the council interviewed seven candidates, and after conducting background checks on a few of the out-of-town prospects, decided to re-interview both Lowe and Wakeley before making the final decision.

After the two interviews last Thursday, and discussion of the candidates, Councilman Jerry Hayes nominated Lowe for the position. Councilman Dave Wyman provided a second, and the nomination was confirmed with a unanimous vote.

As stated in another council motion, the city manager's salary will be \$45,000 plus benefits. Also, the council has opted to consider the manager's first year as a "probation period."

Lowe succeeds Jerry Morford, who served as Grayling's City Manager for 27 years before retiring last September.

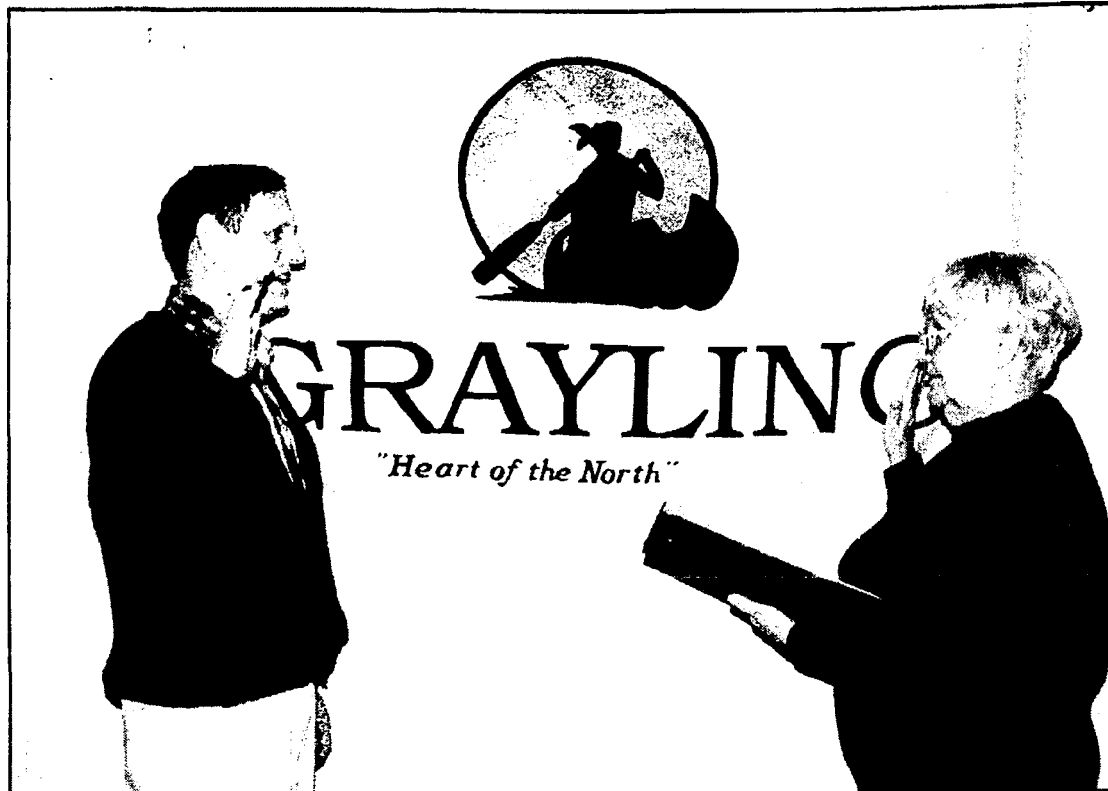


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

NOW IT'S OFFICIAL - New Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe was administered the oath of his office by Grayling City Clerk Kay Ellen King on Monday, January 3 at City Hall.

King takes on city clerk position

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

After nearly 20 years of service for the City of Grayling, Kay Ellen King has been appointed as City Clerk.

King served as former City Manager Jerry Morford's secretary while at the same time handling the water and sewage billings, voters' registration duties and maintaining property tax records.

The long-time employee was appointed on November 18, 1999 by then acting city manager Terry McGregor. McGregor's official capacity is city treasurer.

King moved to Grayling as a child in 1949 and said, "I have always loved it here working for the city. I get to meet all the people and I love the variety of my duties."



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

NEW CLERK - Kay Ellen King was appointed Grayling City Clerk on November 18, 1999 after almost two decades of dedicated service in the City offices.

Mercy announces first Y2K baby



Stephanie Ann Eckstrom

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The first baby to be born at Grayling Mercy Hospital in the year 2000 didn't wait too long for her

worldly debut. Stephanie Ann Eckstrom arrived just 23 minutes into the new year, weighing seven pounds, one ounce and measuring 20.5 inches long.

Stephanie surely brought joy to her parents, Nora McIlroy and Steven Eckstrom of Prudenville, but also brought good fortune to three people who entered Mercy's New Millennium Baby contest, appearing in three local papers - *Crawford County Avalanche*, *Houghton Lake Resorter* and *Roscommon County Herald*.

Three local residents won \$50 for correctly and/or closely guessing the arrival date, time and gender of the first baby born in the year 2000 at Grayling Mercy. Winners of the contest are James Savage, Roscommon (*Avalanche*), Diane Fancher, Houghton Lake (*Resorter*), and Valerie Doebler, Roscommon (*Herald*).

Stupak helps write bill to regulate Internet prescription drug sales

U.S. Representative Bart Stupak (D-Menominee), who co-authored legislation that would regulate sales of prescription drugs over the Internet, welcomed the involvement of the Clinton Administration in the battle to protect consumers using this method to make their purchases.

H.R. 2763, introduced in August 1999 and co-sponsored by Rep. Ron Klink (D-Penn.) requires Web pharmacies to list the licenses of pharmacists, the doctor prescribing the drugs, the address and phone number of the physical location of pharmacies, and the states that license the pharmacies and physicians.

The Clinton Administration last week announced a new initiative that would permit the Food and

Drug Administration (FDA) to begin checking hundreds of on-line companies for potential drug sale fraud.

"I welcome the involvement and support of the administration in addressing this issue," Stupak said. "The Internet contains countless sites that are peddling drugs with very little, if any, verification of prescription or health needs of consumers. There is no way to tell whether the site is operated by legitimate licensed pharmacists or if there is even a medical doctor who reviews the application for the drugs."

"My bill recognizes the importance of e-commerce and encourages e-commerce that is legitimate and safe."

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Mercy staff helps Brazil's less fortunate

As part of a continuing effort to maintain the values of Mercy Health Services, employees are sometimes asked to give of themselves in various ways to help those less fortunate. Recently, a request from Mercy International Health Services for a surgical team led to an experience of a lifetime for three Grayling Mercy Hospital medical professionals.

Late in September 1999, Dr. Angus Goetz (an orthopedic surgeon), Dr. Felix Winkler (an anesthesiologist), and Joelle Sherman, RN, BSN, along with eight other medical professionals from around the country, departed for a 12-day medical excursion to the northeastern state of Rio Grande De Norte in Brazil.

The first city visited, Natal, has a population of about 750,000. While the second stop, a city called Mossoro, has a population of about 250,000.

The team worked with local Brazilian physicians and hospital staff, treating cases that were identified as special needs. Each day, the team started early in the morning and worked until late in the evening evaluating patients, and performing surgeries.

"At times we were so busy, that Dr. Winkler went back and forth between two patients," said Nurse Sherman. "The same thing was true of the nurses."

The team, consisting of one orthopedic surgeon, one general surgeon, one plastic surgeon, two anesthesiologists, and five nurses, performed approximately 160 surgeries in the 12-day period. Patients were treated for various types of injuries and illnesses including: trauma reconstruction, pediatric orthopedics, cleft palate and lips, clubfeet, and hernia



Photo courtesy of Mercy Health Services

ORTHOPEDIC GIFT - As part of a humanitarian project through Mercy International Health Services, team of medical professionals, including three from Grayling Mercy Hospital, performed about 160 surgeries on some of Brazil's poorest people during a 12-day trip last fall. This young man and his mother are pleased with the operation he received for clubfeet.

repairs.

"We feel we did everything we could with the resources and time that we had," said Dr. Goetz. "In the United States, even the less fortunate have access to quality medical care that exceeds what is available to people in some foreign countries."

Sherman commented on how moved she was by the gratitude exhibited by the patients. "The people were so grateful, even though there was a language barrier, you could see it in their actions and expressions how truly appreciative they were. Although we were only there for a short time, I feel very for-

tunate that I had the opportunity to travel to a foreign country to help those in need.

"I would like to encourage anyone who may be interested in mission work to become involved with Mercy International," Sherman concluded.

The intense experience proved to be challenging and rewarding for the Mercy team. Dr. Goetz felt the trip was "the most challenging professional and personal experience" he's ever had. "I was profoundly moved and forever changed by this trip," Goetz said. "I feel very fortunate I was able to share the experience

with two of my co-workers. Dr. Winkler and Joelle did an excellent job."

Each year, medical professionals from across the nation visit foreign countries to assist with medical needs. Often times, the trips are sponsored through different organizations, however. The doctors and nurses generally donate their time and skills, as they do not receive any compensation for their work.

"Mercy Hospital-Grayling is proud to have these individuals as part of their family and our community," said Tara Weaver, Communications Specialist for Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

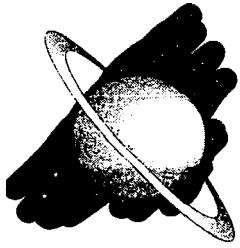
Planetarium explores winter sky

The 2000 planetarium season is under way at the Jesse Besser Museum. The first offering of the new year is titled, "Exploring Winter's Starry Nights."

The program is designed to give audiences a guided tour of the spectacular winter sky. How many times have you asked, "What's that bright star in the west?" or, "What's that group of stars over there in the east?" These are the types of questions the program addresses.

In "Exploring Winter's Starry

Nights," audience members will learn to locate and identify the many bright stars and magnificent constellations visible in evening skies of winter. The audience will travel to a stellar birthplace, a stellar corpse and even



another galaxy.

In addition, visitors will learn to find the planets Jupiter and Saturn, and may even catch a glimpse of a meteor or the Northern Lights.

"Exploring Winter's Starry Nights" can be seen each Sunday through March 19 at the planetarium. Show times are 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Admission to the Planetarium is \$1, in addition to admission to the Museum.

For more information, call (517) 356-2202.

US-27 resurfacing begins this spring

Continued from Page 1A project, Thayer said, and MDOT wants to work on the road prior to the upcoming US-27 project, which could also send a lot more traffic Military Road's way.

Thayer and the Board discussed several possible options for fixing up Military Road.

"The best way to work it out, that's what we're interested in," said Chairman Ray Swiercz.

Swiercz suggested the department supply money for the Military Road project, which could be

pooled with Road Commission funds to do a good-sized portion of the road. That way, the Road Commission could bid the project, and since road commissions typically receive lower bids for projects than MDOT does, the work could be done more economically, he said.

Commissioner Tom Perry moved to accept MDOT's plan for US-27 contingent on the department pro-

viding the Road Commission with funds for the rehabilitation of Military Road from Fletcher Road to Four Mile Road. The motion passed 3-0.

Since the meeting, the Board has received word that MDOT will provide \$100,000 for the resurfacing of Military Road. The Road Commission will now proceed with plans to fix up the section of the Military Road.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Swami hauls out crystal ball for 2000

'TIS SAID there is no fool like an old fool. The Almanack may be about to add timber to that claim.

Presented forthwith are the Almanack's annual predictions about what will happen in the coming year, a task which has become an almost annual occurrence.

Prudence would dictate that we change our ways ... but so much for prudence.

But first, how'd we do this past year? Pretty good, with some glaring exceptions.

We foresaw that most of Gov. John Engler's proposals would sail through the Legislature with ease. Most did, a handful did not, including expanded charter schools, an Engler priority.

As predicted, term limits did not create dire snarls in the legislative process. Problems in the legislature were caused more by partisanship

and personalities than by term limits.

We foresaw an expanding public political role for former Gov. James Blanchard, edging toward a run for the U.S. Senate. Not so.

We saw George W. Bush as a consistent front runner for the Republican nomination for president, with Sen. John McCain as "a major factor" in the race, and the rest of the challengers as dropouts or with limited influence. And so it was.

The Clintons confounded us. We predicted Hillary Clinton would not run for the U.S. Senate, but it's obvious she is. We guessed Mr. Clinton would not serve out his term; it's apparent he will.

All in all, it was an acceptable but not commendable record.

But despite the setbacks, here we go again.

THE 2000 SESSION of the Michigan Legislature will not be the relative duck soup for Gov. Engler as it was a year ago. Lawmakers showed hints of a stiffer back in the fall session, and independence from strong Engler domination will grow. Cracks in the Republican political infrastructure also will widen. The public and the party will show widening symptoms of Engler fatigue.

Although almost three years remain before the next governor's election, Democrat Jennifer Granholm and Republican Candice Miller will sharpen their positioning for their runs for the state house.

Democrats will win enough seats in November to recapture the state House of Representatives.

All Michigan congressional incumbents running for re-election

will win again. That includes both parties.

The only open-seat Congressional race in Michigan will be so close that the fate of Republican Mike Rogers of Livingston County and Democrat Diane Byrum of Ingham County will follow the national trend: Whichever party carries the district for President will also carry the congressional seat.

TEXAS GOV. George W. Bush will win the Michigan GOP primary and also win the Republican nomination for President.

Vice President Al Gore will win the Michigan Democratic caucus support, and also the Democratic nomination for President.

Gov. Bush will win the election by a comfortable electoral vote, and also receive a majority popular vote, partly due to Clinton fatigue.

Mrs. Clinton will lose the Senate race in New York. Once more, it's Clinton overkill.

U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow will buck the Bush trend and win Michigan's Senate seat over Sen. Spencer Abraham.

Voters nationally will display their perversity by electing a Democratic U.S. House majority, while favoring Gov. Bush for President.

Rep. Dick Gephardt will become House Speaker, meaning Rep. David Bonior of Macomb County will lead House Democrats.

Republicans will retain the U.S. Senate majority.

TURNING TO matters which really count:

The New York Yankees will win the World Series again.

University of Michigan football team will win the Big Ten title.

Michigan State's football record will sag a bit, but the Spartans will win at least eight games and play in a good bowl.

MSU's basketball team will repeat as Big Ten champs, and make it to the Sweet Sixteen but not the Final Four.

The Red Wings will come close, but will miss the Stanley Cup again.

The Detroit Lions will continue in turmoil. Coach Bobby Ross will leave (we predicted the same thing last year). The Lions will be lucky to win as many as they lose.

That's all for now. Depending on whether our clairvoyance turns out foolish or fantastic, we may try this stuff again next year.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Winning was team effort

To the editor,

I am writing in regard to The End of the Year Review section of your paper. The section of the paper in which you mention the J.V. girls basketball team, led by a select few, made it sound as if they were the only ones who achieved the 19-1 status.

The main reason I am writing this is because the success of the season was a team effort. Every player contributed in their own way, as well as the coaches, fans, and parents.

Basketball is a team sport and should be recognized as such. Congratulations to: Alexis Sumner, Alesha Wargo, Shalee Cox, Kelly Jansen, Nicole Larn, Michelle Elsnor, Emily Hernon, Gina Thompson, Jamie Dent, Coach Trudgeon and Coach Swander on a great season. Thank you to the *Avalanche* for the coverage throughout the season.

Tracy Parkinson
J.V. Basketball Player

Editor's note: We apologize to anyone who was offended by our statements on the team's very successful season in the 1999 Year in Review. Our intention was not to exclude any team player, but to highlight the season's point leaders.

Vandals ruin family's holiday tradition

To the editor,

About ten years ago, Art Vogel (my father, our grandfather) decided to construct an outdoor Christmas display.

He built a cross measuring 20 feet high by 10 feet across. Attached to the cross was 650 multicolored lights.

Every year, it has been our family tradition of attaching the four pieces together, checking the lights, and securing it to three trees in our front yard.

Being visible across Lake Margrethe to M-72, we have received many comments from our local community, as well as others

that frequently travel M-72 West.

Late Thursday, December 30, someone vandalized our cross by busting into pieces 10 feet off the bottom of the cross.

It brought shock, disbelief, and tears not only to us, but to our friends and neighbors as well.

The truth of your identity may never be revealed. But you will always know the truth, and God knows the truth and this fact will have to console our sorrow and anger.

Bonnie Vogel
Nicole Strohpaal
Rusty Strohpaal
Grayling

Repeal called for regarding new state foreclosure law

To the editor,

Governor John Engler, Senator Bill Schutte, Representative Tony Stamas and all the other politicians who quickly passed a law without thoughtful reflection on what happened during the last major depression (1929-1939) should be ashamed!

Today's thriving economy will not continue forever. Despite being better positioned than in the past, Michigan is still more vulnerable than other states to recession. This quick take government grab of delinquent property tax parcels is a

recipe for disaster. Too many people are now struggling to pay their property taxes or barely able to do so.

The old property tax foreclosure law allowed people time to work out of a temporarily adverse situation, causing the restriction of disposable income. The new law doesn't.

I suppose that the Governor would not be surprised to have maybe as many as a million people wanting to move in with him. This bad law must be repealed before it's too late.

John A. Rapanos
Midland

It's time to start speaking out

To the editor,

Did anyone see the 6:30 p.m. evening news on Channel 9 on January 4? Dan Rather had a story about abortion. He went on to proclaim how wonderful it is that only a little over a million abortions occurred during 1999. He went on to state what a wonderful thing it was that a woman had the right to choose whether or not to give birth.

I sure feel good that only a million babies were aborted. NOT!

I guess we shouldn't be surprised that this is the kind of mentality and thinking we get from the mainstream media press. After all, look at the great role model we have in the White House.

This is what we get for allowing government to take God out of the schools. After all, we might offend some non-believer.

We sit in church Sunday mornings and listen to our pastors', ministers', rabbis', and priests' sermons about what is happening in the world, and what we must do to change it. We say "Amen," then as soon as we leave, the message we heard leaves, too. "Oh well, I feel better," we say.

Is it any wonder that kids have less and less respect for human life? Is it any wonder that when you ask a kid what he wants to do with his life, they give you a blank stare? Not all kids, of course, but enough.

Who's fault is it that the country is in the moral shape it is? Maybe it's the violence on television. Oh wait! I bet it's the video games the kids play. Both these things probably play a part in the problem.

However, the main reason the government and the country is in the state of decay it is, is because of us! You and me! How many times have we said: "This is terrible! Someone should do something about it."

Then we say, "Oh well, I don't have time. What can I do anyway?" Well, if we don't do something, it will not get better; things will not improve. I have been just as guilty as anyone else with this attitude.

I have not taken the time to write television stations about the content of programs on television.

I have not taken the time to write the sponsors of these programs expressing my objections.

I have not written my congressmen and senators about bills and programs which I object to.

I am probably like many other people who listen to the talk shows like Rush Limbaugh and G. Gordon Liddy and say, "Right on, Rush! Go get 'em!" or, "That a boy, Gordon. You are right!" Not that these two talk show hosts are always right, but they do give you insight to a more conservative view on things.

My number one resolution this year is to get involved! I am going to start writing letters. I am going to start speaking up for what I feel is right.

The one thing we have to remember is that we the people are still the government. But it won't stay that way much longer if we don't start speaking up. Anyone remember what happened in Germany when people started walking in lock step with the government mandates?

Can't happen here? Think again!

Look around you at what is happening. It is time for all of us to start speaking up. It is time for us to express our ideas and beliefs before it is too late.

The abortion issue, violence and sex on the television and movies, and the general decaying of morality in the country are just some of the problems we face. I am sure you all have something you feel strongly about. Start speaking up!

We are the only ones who can change things.

I know a lot of people are going to give me flak over this, and call me a radical nut! That's o.k. It is still a free country. How long it will stay that way is up to us. With the help and grace of God, maybe I can do my small part.

James W. Allman
Frederic

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Avalanche deadlines

Community Briefs

Items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs

must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters

should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads

by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads

must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads

must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page

is Friday at 5 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Secretary of State to close for holidays

All branch offices of the Secretary of State, including the Grayling office located in the Mini Mall, will be closed for the following winter holidays: Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 17 and Presidents Day on Monday, February 21. Secretary of State Candice Miller suggests getting licenses renewed and purchasing year 2000 tags prior to the holiday closures if your birthday falls on one of the holidays.

Amateur Radio Exams scheduled

The Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills will be giving Amateur Radio Exams at Grayling High School at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 24. All levels of exams will be given from Novice through Extra, including the popular No-Code Technician. Cost is \$6.65 to take an exam. For more information or to register, contact George Brand, WA8SCO, at 1-800-547-3245, e-mail: aam5emi@concentric.net; or Jon Schultz, N8YSS, at (517) 348-4966 (evenings), e-mail: jschultz@i2k.net.

Band members selling magazines

The Viking Band Boosters announce the Viking Band QSP Magazine Subscription Sale, January 6 to January 20. Please see a band student to place an order.

Snowmobile group plans trail stop event

The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) is coordinating a "trail stop" for this weekend, a place for snowmobilers to stop and relax, warm up with a hot dog and a cup of coffee, and visit with fellow trail riders.

The event will take place on Saturday, January 15, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Hanson Hills communication shack. It will last till evening, 5 or 6 p.m.

To get to the trail stop location, ride north from Charlie's Country Corner or south from the M-72 parking lot.

There will be a bonfire and the Association's two grooming machines will be on display near the shack.

Refreshments will include coffee, hot chocolate and hot dogs.

All snowmobilers are welcome to stop by.

4-H offers archery classes

Youth ages eight and older can learn the exciting sport of archery from certified instructors of the Bear's Bowmen Archery Club, under the direction of Bill Weaver.

Classes will begin the week of January 17. Instruction will be available on either Monday or Wednesday. Class times will be 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with advanced classes from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Archery classes will be held indoors at the Bear's Bowmen

Archery Club building, located at Hanson Hills. Youth must be eight years old by date of first class.

All classes run for eight weeks. Cost is \$14. All equipment is provided.

Registration is being taken at the Crawford County MSU Extension Office, located in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse.

Early registration is recommended as class sizes are limited. For more information, contact the 4-H Office at (517) 344-3264.

Special voices...



Photo by Cheryl Rulley

HONORED - Tiffany Ruark, Ben Sartin, and Brandi Lewis, members of Grayling High School's Concert Choir, recently participated in the Central Michigan Honors Choir during a workshop at the college.

Kirtland grants group concert date change

"The Diamonds" will now be performing on February 26 at 8 p.m. in the G.I. Stewart Auditorium at Kirtland Community College. The originally scheduled performance date was February 5.

The artists requested the date change to allow them to accept a major contract offer. Tickets dated for February 5 will be honored on February 26.

In 1957, The Diamonds took the music world by storm as they released an instant million selling hit record called *Little Darlin'*.

Now dubbed the National Anthem of Rock n' Roll, this hit has sold over 40 million copies worldwide. Their timeless string of hits include *Why Do Fools Fall in Love?*, *A Thousand Miles Away*, *Silhouettes*, and *The Stroll*.

Appealing to rock n' roll lovers of all ages, and still touring on a full-time basis. The Diamonds continue to add to their already extensive list of fans the world over.

Tickets are available by calling the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

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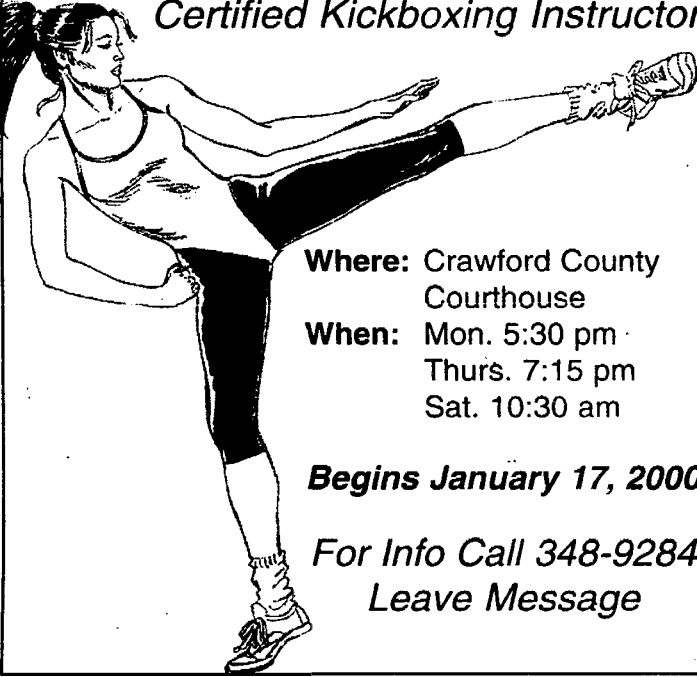
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HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

Follow the Doctor's Advice

Question: My husband, who has high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and various other problems, always goes to the doctor for an annual physical. Then he doesn't follow the doctor's advice. I think this is a serious problem. Am I right? Signed: Worried wife

Answer: This is a serious problem nationwide. It is estimated that more than half of all Americans with chronic diseases don't follow their doctor's recommendations on medication and lifestyle changes - with some serious complications. Nine in ten patients take their medicines incorrectly and 66% fail to take some or all of their medications. This widespread failure to follow "doctor's orders" results in tens of thousands of deaths each year and nearly \$100 billion spent unnecessarily on medical costs and lost work days. When patients comply with their doctor's recommendations, they live a longer, healthier

life and have more money to spend on other things. \$37 billion in hospital costs are directly attributed to patients' failure to follow doctor's advice.

Because of major health care advances, heart disease and stroke patients have better odds of surviving and living well. But, surgery and medicines can only do so much. People need to take responsibility for their own well-being in partnership with their health care provider. The American Heart Association has come up with a short quiz to determine if people are doing all they can to live a healthy life style. Take it and rate yourself.

Patient Compliance Quiz:

A. Prescription Medication

1. Do you have old prescription bottles in your medicine cabinet? Yes ___ No ___

2. Do you ever stop taking medicine if you feel better? Yes ___ No ___

3. Do you ever forget to take your

medicine? Yes ___ No ___

4. Have you ever run out of medicine before you got your prescription refilled? Yes ___ No ___

5. Are you unclear about medicines you take and why? Yes ___ No ___

6. Have you ever been unsure about what side effects to expect and what to do about them? Yes ___ No ___

B. Exercise and Diet

1. Do you forget or ignore your doctor's advice to eat healthier and get more exercise? Yes ___ No ___

2. Have you ever left your doctor's office with vague instructions about diet and exercise? Yes ___ No ___

3. Are you unsure about the exercise you should do? Yes ___ No ___

4. Do you have questions about foods you should eat or avoid? Yes ___ No ___

5. Are you unsure how much alcohol is ok to drink considering

your medical condition and medications? Yes ___ No ___

C. Smoking

1. Are you a smoker? Yes ___ No ___

2. If so, are you unsure about how to quit? Yes ___ No ___

Any "Yes" answers indicate you're not doing all you can to be healthy and are putting yourself at risk for future health problems. Empower yourself and take control of your own health. Ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist about diet, exercise, smoking, medicine, etc. Knowledge is power and the best weapon to fight America's hidden health threat.

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The Bible Speaks

Growing Christian Persecution

The South China Morning Post reported on 12/27/99 that six underground Protestant church leaders were sentenced to re-education through labour on charges they used "evil cults" to undermine the law. The six were sentenced by Nanjing police and escorted to a labour camp in Yuyang City. The six were among about 40 church leaders who held a conference to discuss the future of Christianity in China. While the Chinese constitution like the constitution of the old U.S.S.R. promises religious freedom, the government requires Christians to worship at officially registered churches and those who go underground into "house churches" are harassed and imprisoned. There is worry that the government will brand all normal Christian churches that are reluctant to toe the Communist line as "evil cults" and persecute their leaders.

Closer to home, Canadian Christians are in crisis also. Canada's national anthem, "Oh, Canada," asks God to keep the country "glorious and free." Yet, the Canadian government through the courts are ruling against Christians on every turn. Christians who sued over school text books which portrayed homosexual relationships favorably, faced a judge who ruled that their objection was unacceptable because it was based on religious belief. A court in British Columbia

has declared laws against child pornography to be unconstitutional. And the Canadian Supreme Court has redefined "spouse" to include homosexual unions. These antichristian decisions are making Canadian Christians who stand up for the Bible to be law breakers.

One example of the growing problems is printer Scott Brockie, a Christian who refused to print material for the Canadian Gay and Lesbian Archives on religious grounds. Brockie was hauled before the Ontario Human Rights Commission and ordered to pay the gay man making the request five-thousand dollars for violating his human rights. Brockie refused to pay the fine and is appealing. Brockie said, "What is so distressing is that Canada is making perversion normal. We're saying that that's okay, and all the morals and all the foundations that this country was built on are being thrown aside."

God gives Christians instructions for this hour in history. (Eph. 6:11-14) "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. [13] Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be

able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. [14] Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness." (2 Cor. 10:4) "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."

The Bible, God's Word of Truth, is the armor of God all Christians must have to stand for truth today. Pray, study your Bible, train your children and grandchildren, attend a Bible-believing Church which supports and strengthens you to do right. Don't be ashamed of your faith.

"Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Hearthland/Ranch/1263/>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 am

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Millennial Cardinal Comic now available

Sunday Comics Ministries, Inc. has announced the release of a winter edition of their Christian comic book, *Cardinal Adventures*.

The special publication, called *Classic Cardinal* will reprint four early adventures of the Christian superhero from the early 1990s, which are out of print in their original tabloid format.

This winter issue celebrates the tenth anniversary of *Cardinal Adventures* which first appeared in the Northern Star shopping guide in

March 1990 as a six-panel newspaper strip.

Copies are available at the Word Bookstore in Gaylord, Main Street Market in Vanderbilt, D.J.'s IGA in Waters, Mary's Corner Book Swap and Steven's Family Circle in Grayling, Northend Grocery in Frederic and Smitty's Place in Lewiston.

Sunday Comics Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit, non-denominational corporation overseen by a group of area ministers. Kurt J. Kolka of



Gaylord is the ministry director. Funding for *Cardinal Adventures* comes from various area churches, including Mount Hope Lutheran Church in Grayling.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

If the Crawford AuSable Schools are closed because of weather conditions, the Senior Center is closed.

January 13 - BP's taken from 11 a.m. to noon and at 5:30 p.m., Rick Febey will speak on "Getting back your Mobility."

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January 14 - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m. and on the 16th the Pancake Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

January 17 - Seniors Unlimited Casino Trip to Mt. Pleasant with pick-up at the Mall. Also at 5:30 p.m. - Hangman.

January 18 - Afternoon dance with Tina and Ring in the New Millennium.

January 19 - Hearing Clinic by appointment and COA's Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

January 20 - "Lucky 7" Casino trip 9:30 a.m.

January 21 - Pantry Bingo at 1

p.m. and Legal help at 1:30 p.m. Meals are served at noon and 5 p.m. weekdays except on Friday, no evening meal. Reservations are encouraged. Call (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500. Walk-in's are also more than welcome.

January 2000 Lunch/Dinner
13 - Beef Roast/Ham Steak
14 - Swiss Steak/no dinner
17 - Chop Suey/Beef Stew
18 - Creamed Chicken & biscuits/Port Outlets
19 - Turkey Birds/Pork Steak
20 - Roast Chicken/no dinner

Church Directory

Proof of the Past... Hope for the Future

A picture such as this one is like pure gold, for time passes and memories dim. Babies become children and children become adolescents and often these memories are lost as battles ensue in the generation gap.

Adolescents grow up, go to college, marry and have families of their own. They may move across the country or to another country. It's a small world nowadays...but not that small. Bring out the family album...it shows proof of the past and hope for the future.

The Bible is a history of many families...their good times and bad times. As generations come and go we will always have those occasions when we need reassurance...to be reminded of the unique relationship we have with our Heavenly Father. Don't wait for the bad times. Be prepared. Worship each week at your church or synagogue. We belong to the family of God. Read His Book. It is proof of the past...and hope for the future.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service..... 10:30 am
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Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor Jeffrey Jaggers
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Sunday School - Sept. - May : 9:45 to 10:45
Sunday Radio Ministry : 8 am, 101.1 WQON
Bible Study (Wed.)..... 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 348-4033

Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service..... 9:30 am
Sabbath School..... 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues..... 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School..... 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church: 11 am
Sunday Evening Service..... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting..... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class..... 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday..... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
Evening Service..... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children..... 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament..... 10 am
Sunday School..... 11 am
Primary..... 11 am
Priesthood..... 12 noon
Relief Society..... 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
Pastor, James Briney
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship..... 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School... 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 11 am
Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Wednesday..... 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School..... 9:15 am
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188
Church School..... 9:45 am
Preaching..... 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer..... 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 11 am
Evening Service..... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass..... 6 pm
Sunday Masses..... 8:00 am
Family Mass..... 10:00 am
Scripture Study (Sundays)..... 9:15 am
Daily Masses
Wednesday & Fridays..... 8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 11 am
Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study..... 7 pm
Blessing Radio (internet) <http://blessing-radio.com>

New Life Ministries
Pastor Jimmie McWatters
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room
517-536-7933 • jmcwat@freeway.net
Sunday Services..... 11:00 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday..... 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)..... 7 pm

Church of Christ
Gordon French, Pastor
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613
Sunday Classes..... 10 am
Sunday Worship..... 11 am
Sunday Evening..... 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study..... 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School..... 9 am
Sunday Service..... 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Paul Rolfe
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship..... 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service..... 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School..... 10 am
Sunday Worship..... 11 am & 6:30 pm
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College registrar selected for Leaders 2000

Kirtland Community College Registrar, Stacey Thompson, has been selected to participate in the National Institute for Leadership Development *Leaders 2000*, an international program for administrative and faculty women in higher education.

Thompson was nominated by Katherine Nemeth, Vice President for Operations at Kirtland, and is one of 150 women from across the country selected for the program.

The year-long program, designed to enhance the skills participants need to assume major decision making roles in their institutions, includes institutional practice in supervisory and human relations skills, planning and budgeting, and organizational transformation as well as discussions with national experts on the issues confronting higher education during the next decade.

The program begins with a one-

week orientation in San Diego, California at the end of February.

Leaders 2000 participants are chosen for their professional abilities, their interests in advancement to high education, and the quality of their proposed projects.

Thompson was required to submit an application form outlining her current position, upcoming challenges, her ultimate career goal, and a statement outlining an institutional project that will be completed during the year.

Thompson's project is to develop an enrollment process for modular training programs, such as the programs that will be offered at the new technical training center (M-TEC) in Gaylord. During the program, Thompson will be mentored by Nemeth.

Thompson has been Registrar at Kirtland since July, 1997. Prior to coming to Kirtland, she was employed at North Central

Michigan College in Petoskey in the Academic Records & Registration office.

She received her Bachelor's of Science degree in Administrative Services from Ferris State University in 1988 and is currently working toward a Master's degree in Educational Administration at Central Michigan University.

The Registrar is affiliated with many professional organizations such as Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO), Michigan Community College Student Services Association (MCCSSA), and Michigan Community College Virtual Learning Collaborative (MCCVLC).

She also serves as the Board Secretary for the Zonta Club of Roscommon.

The National Institute for Leadership Development is interna-

tionally recognized by colleges, universities and businesses for its visionary programs that programs that produce leaders who effectively challenge assumptions, eliminate barriers and create new pathways to successful solutions.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Joe and Pam Ferrigan and big brother Joey, would like to announce the new addition to their family. Reece James Ferrigan was born on December 31, 1999 at 3:10 p.m., 9 lbs. 6 oz. Reece James is given his name in honor of his late Great Grandpa Reece Cox and his Grandpa James Harris. Other grandparents are Mary Jane Young, and Steve and Liz Weaver. Great Grandparents are Rose (Cox) Morehead and Natalie Weaver.



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Cervical cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer worldwide, and one of the most preventable and treatable. The

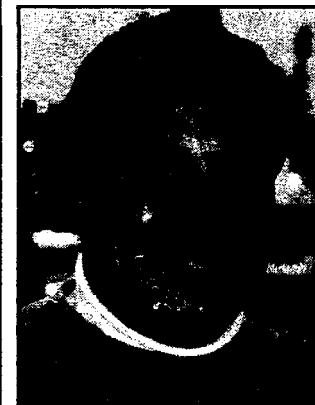
American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates 12,800 cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed in the United States in 1999 and about 4,800 women will die from the disease. The ACS reports between 60 and 80 percent of American women with newly diagnosed invasive cervical cancer have not had a pap smear in the past five years, some may have never had one.

Lack of health insurance has been found to be a barrier for women in getting their annual Pap smear test.

District Health Department #10 offers free pap smears and pelvic examinations for women 40-64 years of age, who have little or no insurance and are on a limited income. Call 1-800-968-7300 for more information.

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Thanks to the generous contributions of its customers, the Great Lakes Energy People Fund provided financial assistance to friends and neighbors from South Haven to Pellston, including Crawford County, in 1999.

The People Fund invested more than \$176,500 in communities served by Great Lakes Energy (GLE), providing much-needed help for organizations and the families and individuals they serve.

Children, families in crisis, senior citizens and emergency services were among the beneficiaries of funds provided by the voluntary donations of GLE customers.

People Fund grant recipients in Crawford County in the year 1999 were:

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- Crawford County Community Christian Help Center: \$3,000 for food and personal products for needy families;

- Frederic Township Volunteer Fire Department: \$5,000 for two automatic external defibrillators;

- G.R.A.C.E. Center: \$4,000 for a laptop computer and software for substance abuse counseling in Crawford County and nearby areas;

Other communities received grants for projects that included construction of a basketball court and ice skating rink; purchase of a back-up generator for a rural health center; construction of an indoor Adventure Education facility; Installation of refrigeration

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Money for the People Fund comes from GLE customers' bills, which are "rounded up" to the next highest dollar amount.

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The travelogue will be presented in the Joseph

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The travelogue will trace the historic 19th century wagon route from Independence, Missouri to Oregon City, Oregon. "Many of the same sites that they wrote about in their journals still exist today," Tompkins said. "You can go out there and stand in the same ruts and see the same open country they saw."

Highlights will include a wagon train crossing

of the Snake River, a boat ride to hidden springs, prairie thunderstorms, mountain crossings, "and a visit to 'The City of Roses,'" Tompkins added.

The Oregon Trail crossed through parts of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, and is still visible today. The Travel & Adventure Series is made possible with the support of Fick & Sons of Grayling. Tickets may be purchased at the door and are \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and students.

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Youth bowling league celebrates holiday



Ashley Marculewicz gets a hug from Santa and Rudolph at the Grayling Youth Bowling Christmas Party, which was held December 18 at Legion Lanes.



Above) Waiting for their turn with Santa: (lined up left to right) Ashley Marculewicz, Devon Adair, Jasmen Adair and Shanelle Adair; (background) Samantha Respecki and Jeff Todd. (Left) Angel Adair and Denise Boone hang with the Grinch.

Frederic students help with Christmas Program



Photos courtesy of Frederic Elementary

To extend the giving of the holiday season, the families of the children in Mrs. Nunn's two kindergarten classes donated food for the Christian Help Center. Earlier the classes filled four shoeboxes with toys and other items children ages 5 to 7 would enjoy. These boxes were sent to the Children's Christmas Program, which distributes the boxes to needy children around the world, who have lost all of their belongings.



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The following are incident complaints handled by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from January 3-9:

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A total of 79 complaints were handled by the Sheriff's Department during the seven-day period.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following complaints during the week of January 2-8:

Four false alarms, three animal control complaints, three misdemeanor arrests, five assist to other departments, 14 city ordinance violations, two domestic complaints, one juvenile complaint, three larcenies, three motorist assists, one suspicious situation, three private property accidents, three traffic accidents, one traffic control complaint, three traffic warnings, and seven miscellaneous complaints.

Fifty-five complaints were handled in the one-week period.

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OBITUARIES

Harold L. Breckow

Harold L. Breckow, 56, of Johannesburg, formerly of Frederic, died Sunday, January 9, 2000 at Tendercare of Gaylord.

Mr. Breckow was born October 15, 1943 in West Branch, the son of Harold L. and Edith A. (Buckner) Breckow.

Mr. Breckow had resided in Frederic for many years before moving to the Gaylord area to live with his son, Harold.

He enjoyed photography, as well as collecting Indian artifacts.

He is survived by two sons, Harold E. (Joy) Breckow of Johannesburg and Larry R. Breckow of New Jersey; one daughter, Lyne M. (Tom) Lutz of Au Gres; eight grandchildren, Jonathan, Ben, Alex, Emily, Christen, Dominic Lutz, all of Au Gres, and Richard and Brandon Breckow. Also surviving are two brothers, one sister, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were planned for Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes, where the family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until the time of services. Sr. Celine Goessl will officiate.

Interment will take place in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Michigan.

James R. Rolfe

James R. Rolfe, 62, of Odessa, Missouri, formerly of Frederic, died Monday, January 3, 2000 at his home.

He was born July 1, 1937, the son of George Rolfe, Sr. and Eva Mae LaBelle Rolfe, in Tower.

Mr. Rolfe lived in Michigan until moving to Blue Springs, MO in 1972 and to Odessa, MO in 1987.

He was a self-employed carpenter before being employed as a carpenter in the maintenance department for the City of Blue Springs, retiring in September 1999.

Mr. Rolfe was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was also a member and Apostle for the Church of Christ With The Elijah Message in Independence, MO.

Survivors include a son, James E. Rolfe; and two daughters, Katrina A. Rolfe and Emily Renee Rolfe at home; two brothers, John Rolfe and Paul Rolfe of Grayling; and two sisters, Doris Anthony of Grayling and Muriel Leng of Frederic.

Graveside services were held Friday, January 7, 2000 at the Woods Chapel Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jason Kurtz, John Kurtz, Melvin Kurtz, Jr., Eddie Sechrest, Mike Greenwell and Jeff Turner.

Memorials may be made to Church of Christ for missionary work.

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Catherine Feeman

Catherine Adeline Rogers Feeman, 94, formerly of Grayling, died January 11, 2000, in her home in Chelsea.

She was born on August 7, 1905 in Newark, Ohio to Homer Ray and Martha May (Joyce) Rogers. She married Hyrl Cairns Feeman in Russell, Kentucky on December 29, 1928.

Mrs. Feeman was a resident of Chelsea since 1996. She was formerly an active member at Main Street Methodist Church, Asbury United Methodist in Lansing and an active member of Grayling Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. She helped start and was very active in the Bear Lake Christian Church. Mrs. Feeman was a former school teacher. Past President of the United Methodist Women and past member of the Unity Literary Club of Lansing. She was very active in the Women's Clubhouse Association & President of the Literary Society, as well as being a member of the Board of Directors of Sylvan Glades Assn.

Survivors include her husband, one daughter, MarthaAnne Riley of Howell; one son, Harlan Roger Feeman of St. Johns; two brothers: William Homer Rogers of North Carolina and Edwin Joyce Rogers of Ohio; one nephew, Dr. Hobart Rogers of North Carolina; four grandchildren and nine great-grand children.

Funeral services will be held on January 13, 2000, 11 a.m., at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel with Rev. Tat-Khean Foo officiating.

Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Adrian. The family will receive friends at the Chapel on Thursday from 9-11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Adrian College, Chelsea Retirement Community or Bear Lake Christian Church.

Rosalind A. Gunderson

Rosalind A. Gunderson, 90, an eight-year resident of Plymouth and a 20-year former resident of Grayling, died Sunday, January 9, 2000 in Livonia.

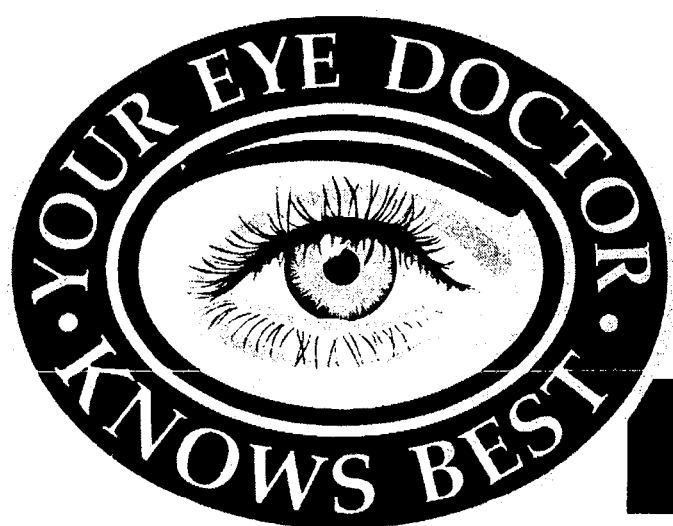
She was born October 18, 1909 in Waterville, New York. Mrs. Gunderson was previously employed as a clerk at Grayling State Bank and served as an Auxiliary Volunteer at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

Mrs. Gunderson is survived by her husband, Roy. She is also survived by daughter, Peggy (Arnold) Baxendale of Redford Township, and nephew Bobby Ashton.

Also surviving are grandchildren Laura Duggan, Deborah Siponaer, Julie Baxendale, Arnold Baxendale and great-grandchildren Anna-Marie Siponaer, Jennifer Siponaer, Roxanne Duggan, and Brian Duggan.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at Fisher Funeral Home, officiated by Rev. Howard Buchholz of New Life Lutheran Church. Interment was at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia.

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Vikes lose to Braves in 4th



Eli Tobin drives to the basket against Tawas. Joe Fritz (#50) and Levi Burkett (#30) watch for a rebound.

► Tawas mounts 2nd half comeback, hands Vikings 2nd loss of the week

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The varsity basketball team's first week back following holiday break didn't go well, as the Vikings lost two close conference games, each by three points.

The Vikes were without the services of guard Nate Hinkle and center Jeremy Latuszek for both matches, as both were out with ankle sprains.

Most recently, the Vikes lost a home match to the Tawas Braves last Friday, after leading for three quarters.

Early on, the game looked like it was going to be a blow-out in Grayling's favor, but Tawas mounted a big second half comeback that ended up being too much for GHS.

The Vikings had a strong first quarter, scoring 24 points to Tawas' 12. Grayling shot well from the floor, including hitting three triples (two by Dave Hawkins and one by Eli Tobin).

After the explosive first period by Grayling, Tawas played better defense in the second quarter, though Grayling still managed to put in 18 points.

Hawkins and center Joe Fritz did a great job controlling the defensive boards in the first half, keeping the Tawas second chances on offense at a minimum.

Grayling led by 15 at halftime, 42-27.

Tawas played a strong third quarter on both ends of the court, scoring 24 points and holding Grayling to 11.

With two GHS players out with injuries, and several players in

foul trouble, the Vikings started to have problems with depth. Grayling also did not rebound nearly as well as they had in the first half.

Tawas ended the third period with seven unanswered points, pulling within two, 53-51. The Braves had all the momentum going into the fourth quarter.

The Vikes opened the fourth period with a tip-in by Hawkins and a drive by Tobin. Tawas then converted three of four free throws on two trips to the line and scored a bucket inside to pull within one, 57-56.

At the 4:23 mark, Tawas hit one of two free throws to tie the match at 59-59.

Grayling's next trip down resulted in a pair of free throws by Brad Gorski. The Braves answered with a three-pointer, taking their first lead of the contest, 62-61.

Tawas also scored the next three baskets, extending the unanswered streak to nine and the lead to seven, 68-61.

With 2:17 left in the game, Gorski hit a triple from the corner to bring GHS within four, 68-64.

At 2:01, Tobin converted a one and one opportunity at the line to put the Tawas lead at two, 68-66.

The Braves managed to burn much of the last two minutes, and finally scored a shot inside at 44 seconds left. Tawas got the ball back and Grayling had to foul.

The Braves, into bonus, hit one of two from the line at 0:31 to extend their lead to five, 71-66. Tawas hit one more free throw with 0:08 left. Grayling followed with a three-pointer by Tobin, but the Vikings were out of time.

Tawas won by three, 72-69, after having trailed the first 28

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Volleyball team wins Petoskey tournament

► Grayling netters beat Gaylord in semis, Sault in title game to win tourney

The GHS varsity volleyball team won its second tournament of the year last Saturday, defeating St. Ignace, Inland Lakes, Harbor Springs, Gaylord and Sault Ste. Marie to win the the Petoskey Invitational tourney.

The Vikings got off to a slow start, losing their first match to Petoskey 15-10 and 15-11. They quickly rebounded, defeating St. Ignace 15-11 and 15-12, then beating Inland Lakes 15-12 and 15-9.

The Vikes then defeated Harbor Springs by scores of 15-10 to earn a trip to the semi-finals for a match against Gaylord.

Gaylord jumped out to a quick start, defeating GHS 15-8 in the first game. After a few adjustments, the Vikes came rolling back, beating Gaylord 15-11 and 15-13 to win a spot in the championship game.

The Vikes played Sault Ste. Marie in the championship series. GHS beat SSM 15-10 and 15-13 to take the tournament title.

"Coaching Gaylord two years ago sure was helpful," said Viking Coach Brian Banda, formerly coach of the Blue Devils. "I was able to make adjustments since I was very familiar with their offense and defense."

Earlier in the week, Grayling fell to the visiting Spartans of Pinconning in a best of three series at GHS by scores of 15-9 and 15-8.

Grayling started out well, scoring Continued on Page 2B
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Ski team off to a good start

► Viking boys defeat Clare (2X scored), Harrison and Farwell to start league 4-0

Ski season has finally arrived and league competition started Tuesday, January 4, at Clare. The boys team won the double scored meet 26-49 (low score wins). The girls team lost to Clare 58-22.

Top skiers for the girls squad were sophomore Kelly Jansen and freshman Andria Alvarez. Jansen was 7th in slalom and 3rd in giant slalom (GS), and Alvarez placed 5th in both races. Andy Holzbauer and Sally Jansen both disqualified in slalom and placed 7th and 10th in GS.

"Kelly is the only girl returning from our ski program last year, the others are freshmen," said Coach Mike Wieland. "Their skiing is improving fast. They just need some more experience."

"The boys team started out with the same attitude as last year despite graduating three of the top skiers," said Coach Wieland. "Our boys want to put the competition behind right from the start and did

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Hanson Hills hosts cross country ski races

► Michigan Cup and HH Challenge draw skiers from all over the state

Hanson Hills hosted the annual Marathon Cup and Hanson Hills Challenge cross country ski races this past weekend, as skiers from local areas and all over Michigan gathered for the ski competitions.

On Saturday, January 8, the racing began with the Michigan Cup Marathon. The skiers left the starting point in three groups: men, women, and the juniors.

The following are the race results, by division and age group:

Men's 30KM, Overall Winner: Milan Baic; (18-25): 1. Brian Greene, 2. Mark Schmude, 3. Adam Galvani; (26-30): 1. Christian Bvar, 2. Joey Haggemiller, 3. Robert Gregory, 4. Ron Scharphorn, 5. Arnie Liati, 6. Bob Smith, 7. Wayne Cook; (31-35): 1. Jim Samuels, 2. Brian Carrigan, 3. Steve Smigiel, 4. Jon Morgan, 5. Steven Vreken, 6. Mike Angell, 7. Timothy Feldkamp, 8. David Fanslow, 9. Mike Seaman, 10. Kyle Rambo, 11. Shawn O'Brien; (36-40): 1. Bill Torongo, 2. Gregory Roll, 3. Matt Vajda, 4. Bill Manny, 5. Jerry Weiss, 6.

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On Saturday, January 8, the men's division competitors start the Michigan Cup Marathon, a cross country ski race held at Hanson Hills. The race also includes women's and junior divisions, which started earlier in the day. The men went 30 KM, the women 15, and juniors 10.



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Hanson Hills hosts cross country ski races

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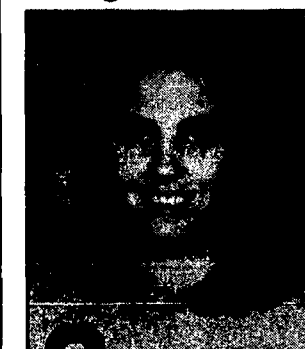
Jamie Green, 7. Steve Kowalkoski, 8. John Britton, 9. Doug Cornell, 10. Jon Webb, 11. Tom Reehorst, 12. Blair Zordell, 13. John Fallon, 14. Jim Troester, 15. Dan Rosen, Doug Drawbaugh; (41-45): 1. Gregory Worsnap, 2. Randall Bladel, 3. Ed Anderson, 4. Don Fedrigon Jr., 5. Robert Fairman, 6. Jim Pryor, 7. Bruce Barton, 8. Randy Kessler, 9. Frank Rynalski, 10. Ken Ames, 11. Mark Lesinski, 12. Tom Baron, 13. Bruce Hitt, 14. Chris Weingartz, 15. Joel Bury, 16. Steve Westphall, 17. Steve Seager, 18. Mike Bourassa, 19. Doug Heady, 20. Greg Worrel; (46-50): 1. Clifford Onthank, 2. Tim Onthank, 3. Bill Brundage, 4. Don Camp, 5. Kurt Peterson, 6. Pete D'Arienzo, 7. Ken Dawson, 8. Mark Payne, 9. Fred Mills, 10. John Kostzewa, 11. Tim Triebold, 12. Ken Glick, 13. Veil Soltis, 14. Robin Luce, 15. Scott Taylor, 16. Tom Gushurst, 17. Bob West, 18. Larry Timm, 19. David W. Mitchell, 20. Ken Lechowicz, 21. Kevin Kelly, 22. Bob Vandekopple, 23. Rian Mintele; (51-55): 1. Steve Smigiel II, 2. Gary Tarsha, 3. William Kaltz, 4. Richard Weir, 5. Michael Tarnow, 6. Peter Johnson, 7. Lloyd Anderson, 8. Dan Chiak, 9. Jim Heffner, 10. Jim Monroe, 11. Phil Schaefer, 12. Frank Nizio, 13. Greg Merwin, 14. Ernie Brumbaugh; (56-60): 1. Tom Anderson, 2. Ed Clary, 3. Vic Laport, 4. Tim Greening, 5. Jim Woodburne, 6. Dan Yeager, 7. Douglas Schofield, 8. Thomas Jones, 9. Carl J. Scharphorn; (61 and over): 1. Clark Phelps, 2. Tenho Tikka, 3. Lars Wiegert, 4. William Matson

Women's 15KM Overall Winner: Wendy Anderson; (18-25): 1. Tricia Plum; (26-40): 1. Kaye Krapohl, 2. Laura Rylands, 3. Carrie Baic, 4. Brenda Carlson, 5. Fran Upton; (41-45): 1. Debbie Westphal, 2. Roxanne Barton, 3. Karen Ferguson; (46-50): 1. Gussie Peterson, 2. Sara Cockrell, 3. Karen Dawson, 4. Cheryl Timm

Junior's (Male) 10 KM, Overall Winner: Michael Weir; (13 and under): 1. Morgan Weir, 2. Stew Upton, 3. J.J. Upton, 4. James Kessler; (14-16): 1. Jim Krest, 2. Mick Tiffany, 3. Jeremy Woodard, 4. Matthew Rimer, 5. John Olson, 6. David Hilden, 7. Jonathan Bjork, 8. Cameron Ross, 9. Ben Seppala, 10.

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Varsity Volleyball
Coach: Brian Banda

ARICA WOLCOTT

Arica has provided strong blocking for the Vikes the entire season. Last week, she recorded 7 blocks, helping the Vikes win the Petoskey Tournament.



At Saturday's Michigan Cup Marathon, held at Hanson Hills, the racers in the women's division start their 15 KM race.
Photo by Caleb Casey

Jim Torrey, 11. Andy Monroe, 12. Jon Ault, 13. Lance Dawson; (17-19): 1. Tim Sturtz, 2. Keven Morgan, 3. Erik Butcher, 4. Derek Rice, 5. Adam Johnson

Junior's (Female) 10 KM, Overall Winner: Chase Edwards; (13 and under): 1. Cassidy Edwards, 2. Kaye Helminen, 3. Cassie Webb, 4. Catarina Gullede; (14-16): 1. Allison Cregg, 2. Nina Cloutier, 3. Emily Pyle, 4. Renata Jabusch, 5. Meryl Estes, 6. Claire Gushurst, 7. Jessica Alspaugh, 8. Adrian Chouinard, 9. Brianna Farley; (17-19): 1. Caitlin Prentice, 2. Colleen Haley, 3. Rebecca Ross, 4. Dana Bruski

Volleyball team wins Petoskey tournament

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the first four points of game one behind the serving of Kristy Hulbert and Arica Wolcott, winning long volleys and fighting off some decent Spartan shots to score hard-fought points.

Pinconning added a point here and a point there to eventually tie the game at 4-4, then move ahead 5-4.

With Jenny Phillips serving, Grayling tied the game on a block by Mel Paxton, then scored two more points, including an ace by Phillips, to take a 7-5 lead. The Spartans scored the next two points to tie the match at 7-7.

On a separate serving chance, the Pinconning team chalked up two more points to lead 9-7, then on a

later serve scored two more to go ahead by four, 11-7.

A shot by Paxton regained the ball for GHS, and with Paxton serving, the Vikings scored one point on a hit by Phillips.

The Spartans then scored a point to go back up by four, 12-8. A kill by Phillips got the serve back for GHS, and another shot by Phillips on Wolcott's serving turn scored a point for GHS, pulling the Vikings within three.

Grayling would not score again in the game, however, and Pinconning eventually won the match 15-9.

In the second match, the two teams went a combined nine serving chances without scoring a point to open the game.

A good shot by Mika Sumner got Grayling the ball, and with Sumner serving GHS scored two hard-earned points. The Vikings held off several strong shots by the Pinconning front line, and Phillips provided a few nice digs to help

keep the ball alive on Grayling's side.

Pinconning then scored the next three points to take a 3-2 lead. GHS answered with one point to tie the game at 3-3, but the Spartans scored the next four points to go up 7-3.

With Hulbert serving, Grayling hit for two points, including an ace, to pull within two. The Vikings stopped Pinconning's next two serving tries, and with Paxton at the serve spot, GHS scored two more points to tie the match at 7-7.

Penny then scored two, and GHS scored one to put the score at 8-9. Pinconning held off the Vikings for the rest of the game, taking a 15-8 victory in game two and winning the series 2-0.

GHS will host Bay City John Glenn on Wednesday, January 12. The Vikings will play in the Gaylord Invitational on Saturday, January 15, and will return to the home court on Monday, January 24, to face Charlevoix and Petoskey.

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JV team finishes well to beat Braves

► Vikes maintain a steady lead, survive Tawas runs to take a 13-point victory

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

A steady game on defense and a decent offensive finish in the fourth quarter helped lead the GHS JV basketball to victory over Tawas last week, as the Vikings beat the Braves by 13 in Grayling, 65-52.

GHS opened the game with a solid defensive effort, holding Tawas to just five points in the first period. The Vikings did a good job of fighting for boards down low.

Grayling scored first quarter points on a pair of buckets by Nick D'Amour, a move to the hole by Marcus Marelich, four points by Wes Fox, a nice drive to the basket by R.J. Schmidt, and a short jumper by Larry Baynham.

Tawas closed the gap a little in the second quarter, scoring 19, including 10 unanswered in the middle of the period.

A score on an in-bounds pass by Baynham and three baskets by D'Amour down the stretch helped GHS keep a lead as the half ran out. Grayling led 30-24 after the first 16 minutes.

Tawas was only able to gain a little ground on GHS in the third, as the Braves edged Grayling 15-14 in the quarter.

The Vikings got points from a put-back by Schmidt, two jumpers by D'Amour, a free throw by Fox, a shot by Dan Mead inside, and a three-pointer and a tip-in by Marelich.

Grayling finished strong, scoring 21 points in the fourth quarter, while holding Tawas to 13.

The Vikings won the match 65-52.

"We played with much more intensity," said Coach Butch Hayes. "We had balanced scoring, we played good defense with 60 deflections, and we outrebounded them. This was a very good team effort."

D'Amour was the top GHS scorer with 17. Marelich and Baynham each scored 12. Fox and Schmidt

scored nine apiece.

Earlier in the week, the Vikings lost a road game at Standish Sterling 50-41.

"We got off to a very slow start," said Coach Hayes. "Their height bothered us early. We played a decent second half by putting pressure on the ball and attacking."

Ryan Stahl led the GHS scoring in that game with 14. Marelich added nine, and Schmidt scored seven points.

The Vikings will play at Pinconning this Thursday, and will host Gaylord on Tuesday, January 18.



(Above) Ryan Swope goes up for a rebound. (Left) Chet Wheeler dishes off to a teammate.



Ski team off to a good start

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so by placing four boys in the top five of the slalom race. They finished the race by doing the same in giant slalom."

Top racer for the Vikes was junior Matt Ginther placing 1st in both slalom and GS; Jason Boreo placed 3rd in both; Paul Jansen and Ray Trudgeon placed 4th and 5th in slalom then 5th and 4th in the GS to win the meet. Keil Clough and Ben McNally, both racing in their first varsity meet, placed 8th -- Clough in slalom and McNally in GS. Derek Quick disqualified in slalom and was 7th in GS.

"The depth of our boys is important, as they took six of the top eight spots in the meet," said Wieland, "and that's how you win bigger meets."

On Thursday, January 6, the Vikings skied against Harrison and

and Farwell at Treetops. The boys won both meets, defeating Farwell 28-48 and Harrison 26-50. The girls defeated Harrison 29-47 and lost to Farwell 45-29.

Top skiers for the boys squad against Harrison were Ginther and Trudgeon, placing 1st and 2nd in slalom and 2nd and 1st in GS. Paul Jansen was 3rd in both races; Boreo was 6th in GS and 9th in slalom despite a fall. Quick was 7th in GS and McNally and Clough placed 8th in GS and slalom.

The girls got into the win column by defeating Harrison. The Vikes were led by Kelly Jansen, who placed 1st in both events. Alvarez was 2nd in both races, with Holzbauer 5th in slalom, and 4th in GS. Sally Jansen disqualified in slalom and was 6th in GS.

Farwell's first two girls did Grayling in, as they took 1st and

2nd in both races. Kelly Jansen placed 3rd in both for the Vikings, and Alvarez took 4th in both. Holzbauer was 7th in slalom and 6th in GS, and Sally Jansen took 10th in slalom and 8th in GS.

The Viking skiers will travel to Silver Ridge at Farwell on Tuesday, January 18, to take on Roscommon and Farwell. The next day, GHS will head to Shuss Mountain to ski against Bellaire.

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Vikes lose to Braves in 4th

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minutes of the game. "Our kids played very well in the first half," said Coach Rich Moffit. "Joe Fritz played a very strong half of basketball. I thought that Brad Gorski, Levi Burkett, Dave Hawkins and Eli Tobin did a great job of running the floor and distributing the basketball. Marcus Bobenmoyer gave us some very solid minutes off the bench."

"In the second half, we did not play with the same aggressiveness and confidence that we did in the first half. Tawas made a strong run against us and we were not able to overcome it," Moffit said. "Rebounds were a key stat in the second half as Tawas held a 26-14 margin on the boards and scored on several shot opportunities due to not boxing out."

"I think it is obvious that we missed Jeremy and Nate in this game," Moffit continued. "Jeremy provides us with a presence on the glass. Nate obviously is missed with his 24 points per game average and more importantly, the leadership that he provides both on and off the floor."

Hawkins led the GHS scoring with 22, and was the top Viking rebounder with 16. Tobin added 14 points, and Gorski scored 11.

Earlier in the week, the Vikings lost to Standish Sterling Central at Standish in a low-scoring match, 47-44.

Grayling's usually potent offense had trouble putting points on the board, as the Vikes hit just 26 percent of their field goals (13/50) and 40 percent at the free throw line

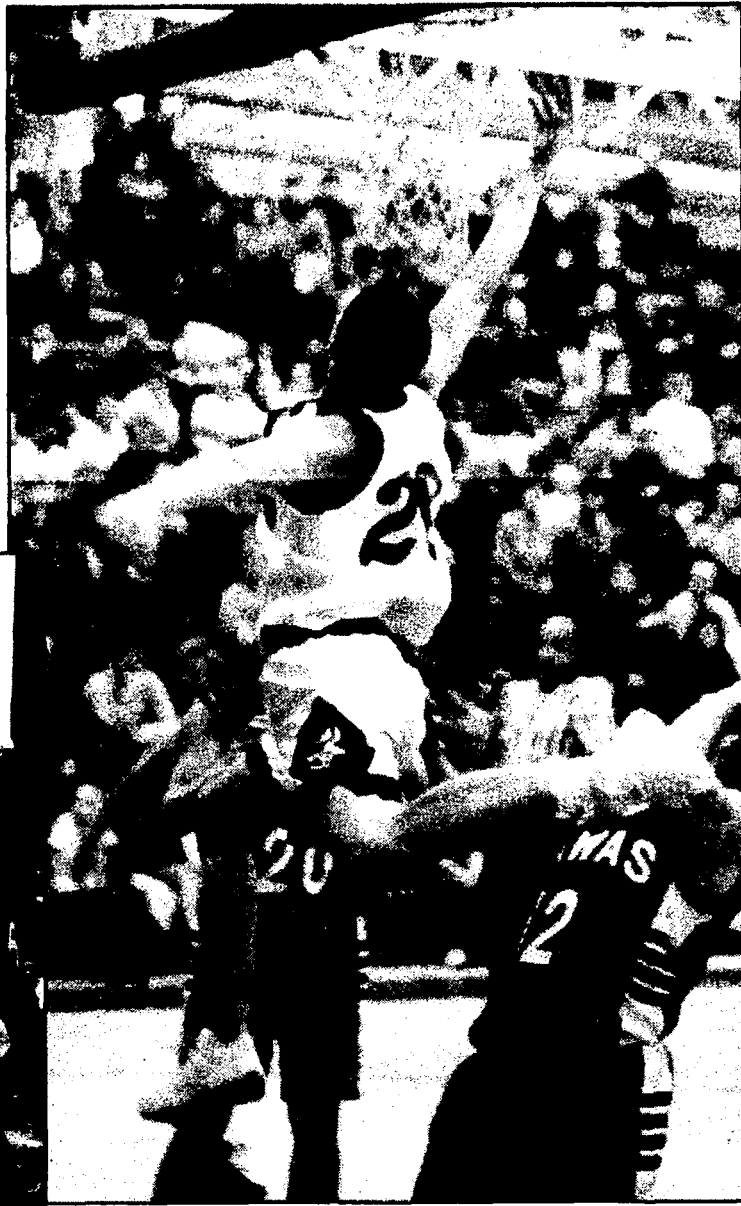
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"We really struggled offensively," said Coach Moffit. "We were getting good shots against Standish, but anytime you miss several lay-ups and only shoot 26 percent from the two-point region, you are going to struggle."

Hawkins posted a double-double, leading the Vikings in scoring (22 points) and rebounding (11 boards). He also had two steals.

Grayling will head to Pinconning on Friday, January 14, and on Tuesday, January 18, the Vikings will host the Gaylord Blue Devils.

Hinkle is expected to play this Friday, but Latuszek may be out for a few more weeks.



(Left) Center Adam Knapp takes a shot from inside the key. (Right) Forward Dave Hawkins pulls off an acrobatic lay-up against Tawas.

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Chemical Bank	7 - 1
Ginger's	7 - 1
Aunt Betty's	6 - 2
Custom Interior	5 - 3
Millikins	3 - 5
Lady Slippers	2 - 6
Avalanche	1 - 7
Lucky Strikers	1 - 7
High Game: M. Kroell, 220, 204; L. Fisher, 213; N. Glasslee, 203.	
High Series: J. Hinds, 553; M. Kroell, 542; N. Glasslee, 530.	
Sunday Night Mixed	
McDonald's of Gaylord	13 - 3
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Waste Management	10 - 6
Custom Interior	9 - 7
R & M Masonry	6 - 10
Citgo	6 - 10
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McDonald's of Gaylord #2	4 - 12
Men's High Game: J. Elekonich,	

247; J. Helsel, 244; B. Nielson, 216.	
Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 645; J. Elekonich, 556; S. Miller, 555.	
Women's High Game: M. Starks, 211; S. Sumner, 209; J. Hinds, 190.	
Women's High Series: S. Sumner, 542; S. Romain, 527; D. Elekonich, 524.	
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High Series: M. Sumner, 621; T. Everly, 528; L. Johnson Jr., 502.	
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High Game: T. Devins, 235, 232; T. Kotrash, 214; Jan Thayer, 212.	
High Series: T. Devins, 649; J. Arwood, 574; Jan Thayer, 572.	
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High Game: P. D'Amour, 219; L. Dellar, 200; J. Strachan, 190.	
High Series: P. D'Amour, 573; B. Wheeler, 520; S. Sumner, 506.	
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Men's High Series: A. Smith, 574; D. Germain, 517; K. Harris, 513.	
Women's High Game: V. Westover, 189; J. Kellogg, 177; R. Joyce, 168.	
Women's High Series: J. Kellogg, 482; A. Zéndt, 467; V. Westover, 452.	
Friday Mixed Doubles	
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Fick & Sons	5 - 3
Moshier Auto Repair	4 - 4
R. Calkins & Sons	4 - 4
Aunt Bettys	3 - 5
Charles Country Corner	1 - 7
High Game Men: M. Sumner, 238; D. Wallace, 208; J. Campbell, 189.	
High Series Men: M. Sumner, 556;	

J. Campbell, 523; D. Wallace, 515.	
High Game Women: S. Sumner, 215; B. Lozon, 187; D. Medina, 171.	
High Series Women: S. Sumner, 577; D. Medina, 498; B. Lozon, 457.	
Northwood	
R & M Masonry	7 - 1
American Legion	6 - 2
R. Calkins & Sons	5 - 3
Rochettes	4 - 4
Red Barn	3 - 5
Shady Acres Party Store	3 - 5
Pro Tree	3 - 5
Darrell's Roofing	1 - 7
High Game: T. Raybould, 211; J. Hinds, 210; L. Dannenberg, 200.	
High Series: J. Hinds, 543; T. Raybould, 525; B. Lifford, 521.	

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Game #2 Glens Market 79 -	
Charles 47. Glens - Grant 19,	
White 17, Kucharek 16, Northrup	
11. Charles - Ed Baynham 15,	
Adam Baynham 10, Madsen 10.	
Standings Week #7	
Sawmill	5 - 0
Lange Vending	5 - 1
Thermogas	4 - 1
Spikes	2 - 3
Holiday Inn	2 - 3
Margretheville	2 - 4
Glens Market	1 - 5
Charles Plumbing	1 - 5

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Women's Standings	
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Spikes	95
Swamp	80
Sawmill I	69
Legion	70
Plaza	86
Frederic Inn	95
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JV netters fall to Spartans

► Vikings start slow, 2nd game comeback effort falls short

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling's JV volleyball squad lost to the visiting Pinconning Spartans last Wednesday, falling two games to none.

In the first game, the GHS team struggled with the Pinconning serves, and the Spartans jumped out to an early 8-0 lead. Grayling then scored three points behind the serving of Jamie Dent, but that's all Grayling would get. Pinconning won the game 15-3.

GHS put up a much better showing in the second match of the three-game series.

With Ashley Wolcott serving, the Vikes scored the first two points of

the game. Pinconning got the next two scores to tie the match at 2-2.

Grayling got the ball back, and with Dent serving, the Vikings scored two more to go up 4-2. Pinconning then answered with two points to tie the game 4-4.

Later, the Spartans got the serve back and put up two more points to take a 6-4 lead.

The Vikings then regained the serve with a nice block by Danielle Beckwith, setting up a serving chance for Jessica Strait. The Vikings took advantage, scoring five points, including an ace by Strait. Grayling led by three, 9-6.

The Pinconning team scored a point on its next serve, then server Wolcott led Grayling to three more points, including a score with an ace.

Down 12-7, the Spartans scored seven straight points including two

aces to take a 14-12.

Facing game point, the Vikes picked up one point with Beckwith serving, lost the serve, then scored one more on Gina Thompson's serve to tie the match at 14-14.

Pinconning then got the next two scores to win the game 16-14, and the series 2-0.

On the second court, the GHS freshmen volleyball team also lost to Pinconning 2-0.

On Thursday, January 13, the freshmen team will head to Lake City. The JV team will take part in the Tawas Invitational on January 15. Both teams will take on Standish Sterling at Standish on January 17. On Monday, January 24, the JV team will host Charlevoix and Petoskey. The freshmen team will play at Charlevoix on January 24 against Petoskey and Charlevoix.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF PATENT LAND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND HAS BEEN DULY PATENTED:

Comm. at Inter of N ly Row of M-93 and E. Line of Sect 15; th N on E Line 200 Ft; th SW ly 197.8 ft; th SE ly 200 ft m/l to N ly Row of M-93; th NE ly on M-93 130 ft m/l to POB.

Anyone have a legal claim on the above described land must make this claim within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice, or forever preclude you from making any claim upon m "Patented land."

-23-30-6-13

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda Christian Seales, single (original mortgagor) to Advanta National Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 17, 1998, and recorded on February 27, 1998, in Liber 448 Page 23, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Bankers Trust Company of California N.A. as Custodian or Trustee, Assignee, by an assignment dated, which was recorded on December 9, 1999 in Liber 497, on Page 365, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-ONE AND 85/100 dollars (\$14,891.85) including interest at 11.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on February 2, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 29; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes West along the East and West 1/4 line, 1054.4 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 31 minutes West, 150.00 feet to a point South 89 degrees 31 minutes East, 110.0 feet from 1/8 corner; thence North 0 degrees 13 minutes East, 887.2 feet to a point on the bank of the AuSable River; thence North 48 degrees 12 minutes East along said bank, 180.0 feet; thence South 27 degrees 19 minutes East, 344.0 feet; thence South 62 degrees 57 minutes West, 91.3 feet; thence South 5 degrees 32 minutes West, 664.8 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 23, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE

CALL:
248-593-1301
Trot & Trot, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990910666
Cougars

-23-30-6-13-20

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory L. Welser to Old Kent Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 1998 and recorded on March 30, 1998, Crawford County Record, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Nine and Eleven

Cents (\$40,629.11) including interest at 9.25% per annum until maturity and 11.25% after maturity.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan on January 19, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lobby.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan are described as follows:

PARCEL "C": Part of the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as:

Beginning at a point located distant N 01 degrees 17'E, along the West line of said Section 23 a distance of 1649.00 feet, and S 89 degrees 09'37"E 998.31 feet from the SW corner of said Section 23, thence continuing S89 degrees 09'37"E 332.78 feet, thence S01 degrees 28'17" 329.96 feet, thence N 89 degrees 09'11"W 332.50 feet, thence N01 degrees 25'55"E 329.92 feet to the Point of Beginning. Along with the right of and subject to a 66 feet wide easement for ingress and egress and public utilities over that part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Centerline of said easement described as Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 23 distant North 01 degrees 17 minutes East along said West line 1649 feet from the SW corner of said Section 23; thence South 89 degrees 09 minutes 37 seconds East, 1331.09 feet to the point of ending. Also a 66 foot easement for ingress and egress and public utilities over the South 66 feet of Lot 9 "Janice Manor" Subdivision (recorded in L-3, P-22B) Crawford Co. Records and the extension of North line of said easement. S89 degrees 03'E, 66 feet; thence S01 degrees 17'W, 155.80 feet; thence N89 degrees 09'37"W 66 feet to the East line of said "Janice Manor," thence N01 degrees 17'E along said East subdivision line 155.80 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 1999
OLD KENT BANK

For information, please call:
1-517-732-7536
Daniel J. Bebbie (P51257)
Bensinger, Cotant, Menkes & Aardema.

P.C.
Attorneys for Old Kent Bank
P.O. Box 1000
Grayling, MI 49735

-30-6-13-20

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 am (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, January 20, 2000, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following quotation for services.

Beaver Removal

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as Beaver Bid. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Ray Swiercz, Chairman
Bob Nelson, Vice-Chairman
Tom Perry, Commissioner
-13-20

Grayling Township Notice

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 24, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following case:

Case #00-1: Jack H. Hall, petitioner
T26N, R4W, Sec. 9
Romany Ave.
R-2 Zone

A request to reverse the decision of Administrative Official granting a variance to John Mahank to construct a detached garage in the required front yard of property located at 9270 Romany Ave.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton
Township Clerk

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North Central Community Mental Health

NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

2000

DATE	STARTING TIME	PLACE
January 20	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
February 17	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbe Street, Cadillac
March 16	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
April 20	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
May 18	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbe Street, Cadillac
June 15	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
July 20	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
August 17	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbe Street, Cadillac
September 21	7:00 p.m.	R.O.O.C., Inc. 11051 N. Cut Road, Pioneer Hills, Roscommon
October 19	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
November 16	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbe Street, Cadillac
December 21	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake

All Board Meetings are open to the Public. If any person with a disability needs accommodations, please call the Director's Office three days prior to the posted meeting date.

(11/3/99)

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

Notice of last day of registration for the electors of:

Beaver Creek Township
Frederic Township
Grayling Township
Lovells Township
Maple Forest Township
South Branch Township
City of Grayling

All electors are hereby given notice that THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION will be held in all the above Townships and the City in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan on Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

Electors who wish to vote in the Presidential Primary Election must be registered to vote no later than Monday, January 24, 2000. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office of the Township or City Clerk's office.

Notice is hereby given that I will be at my office:

During regular business hours 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday.

January 24, 2000 - Last day for electors to register with the County Clerk.

Electors who wish to register with the Township of City Clerks are advised to call ahead for office hours.

Sharon K. Hartman, Beaver Creek Township Clerk - 275-8878
8994 S. Oak Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653
Nancy Bindschattel, Frederic Township Clerk - 348-8778
7564 Kelly (Co. Rd. 612), Frederic, MI 49733
Monica S. Ashton, Grayling Township Clerk - 348-4361
2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738
Cheryl Hopp, Lovells Township Clerk - 348-9215
8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738
Susan Keene, Maple Forest Township Clerk - 348-9801
8802 N. Peterson Rd., Frederic, MI 49733
Laura Smith, South Branch Township Clerk - 275-8232
P.O. Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653
Kay Ellen King, Grayling City Clerk - 348-2131
103 S. James St., Grayling, MI 49738

The polls of said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of January 16-22

Aries

March 21-April 20

Your resentment of problems at work is starting to affect other people. It will really come to the forefront this week. Either put the problems aside and attend to your work obligations, or consider taking a vacation.

Taurus

April 21-May 21

This week, consider getting involved in a financial endeavor with a friend, especially a Leo. It could work out for the best for both of you. But before you go any further, get some information in writing. Don't neglect duties on the homefront.

Gemini

May 22-June 21

You have been entrusted with the secrets of a close friend. It's important you don't divulge them to anyone. Not only could it ruin your friendship, it could hurt others, too. A good money idea may come from an unexpected source.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

If a friend or coworker has a better idea, don't shrug it off or hesitate to acknowledge it. You know you're talented, but in this case, someone else has a fresher approach. Remember "teamwork" as you start new projects.

Leo

July 23-August 23

Have you been acting moody? Your friends are starting to notice. It's not a good message to be sending them. If there is a problem you can put your finger on, let them know. The ones who understand are the ones you want to keep as friends.

Virgo

August 24-September 22

You can get others to go along with your plans; you just need to turn on the charm to accomplish it. Don't deny your personal feelings when it comes to a potential relationship. Plan to help a friend this weekend with a laborious task.

Libra

September 23-October 23

Productivity can pay off. In the long run it can only mean better and brighter things for you and your partner. Don't underestimate the advice or ideas of a good friend. You may be pleasantly surprised if you follow his/her advice.

Scorpio

October 24-November 22

Remember the home improvements you have been putting off--get on them. You have some great ideas; you just need to take a little time to apply them to your own space. Don't neglect a special relationship in the rush of your week.

Sagittarius

November 23-December 21

Business ventures have been on your mind recently. You may consider meeting privately with some experts who can help and guide you. What you put into a new relationship may really pay off for you in the long run.

Capricorn

December 22-January 20

Consider working in conjunction with a Libra this week. You may be surprised how well the effort and productivity of the team pay off for you. It may be a good idea to change your weekend plans. Otherwise, they could interfere.

Aquarius

January 21-February 18

If friends are heading in from out of town, make big plans. How about a party for the old gang? Take steps to make everyone feel right at home. Don't be discouraged by the past few days at work. Things should really start to look up for you.

Pisces

February 19-March 20

The main word in your vocabulary this week should be "positive." Keep repeating it to yourself. It may be just the word to get you through trying times at work and home. Best of all, your positive attitude could be contagious.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Oriental Beef Kabobs

1 lb. boneless beef sirloin steak
1 cup unsweetened pineapple juice
1/3 cup chopped onion
2 tbsp. rice wine vinegar
2 tsp. olive oil
2 tsp. curry powder
1/2 tsp. salt
5 drops hot-pepper sauce
1 clove garlic, minced
1 red bell pepper, seeded & cut into 1-inch pieces
1 zucchini, halved lengthwise and cut into 1/2 inch pieces
4 ounces fresh button mushrooms

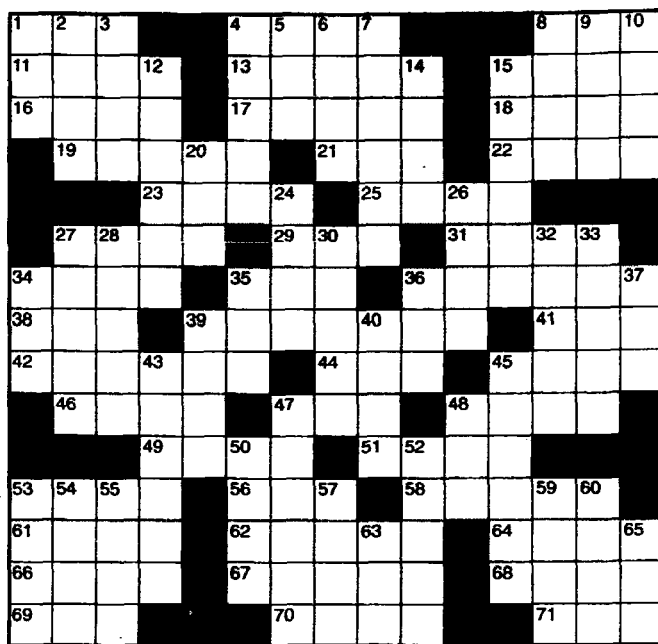
Trim any fat from meat and cut into 1/2 inch cubes. Place in bowl and refrigerate. In a bowl, stir in juice, onion, vinegar, 1 tablespoon of olive oil, curry powder, salt, pepper sauce and garlic. Pour over meat and marinate in refrigerator for 4 to 8 hours, stirring occasionally.

When ready to cook, drain meat thoroughly, discarding the marinade. Divide and alternately thread meat and vegetables onto four 15-inch skewers, leaving a little space between the pieces. Brush kabobs with oil. Place skewers on preheated BBQ for 15 to 20 minutes turning frequently while cooking. Serve immediately.



HOME NEEDED - 8 week old Chow mix puppies. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



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- Prepare, with "up"
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- Like some deli orders
- Revile
- Identified
- Temple athletes
- "God I'm a Country Boy" (John Denver)
- Tommy, to Dennis the Menace
- Low islands
- Calendar boxes
- "Auld Lang"
- Legal claim
- Method
- Sleep (postpone a decision) (2 wds.)
- Heath
- Scoundrel
- Outdid
- Argument
- Beseeches
- Fla.'s neighbor
- Peloponnesian War participant
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- Woes
- Little tantrum
- Supped

DOWN

- Cry of disgust
- Straight up
- Inagural event
- 1948 Jeanne Crain film
- Geological division
- Interstate entrance
- Restive
- Inventor Elias
- The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
- Tree Growth
- Schoolbook
- In vain
- Subway fares
- Flossie Bobsey's big sister
- Carter and Grant
- Trot, e.g.
- Emulate a fish
- Wet blanket
- Freight weight
- Cause mirth
- Like some first editions
- Crisp cookies
- 1916 hit
- Hoopie's expletive
- Slave of Samos
- Cheese town
- Society gal
- Weirs
- Burrowing insect
- Meet (flea market)
- Negative votes
- Picots
- Hawkeye State
- Skilled
- "Boot" country
- Reveals
- Brown (Judi Dench film)
- Lodger examiner: abbr.
- Sandwich served with mayo
- Court figs.
- Boy!
- Courier specialties
- Stacked the deck
- Unsusceptible
- Righted wrongs
- Set one's sights
- "Miracle" (Barry Manilow hit) (2 wds.)
- Hornet's cousins
- Scott Decision
- Hit the ceiling
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ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

January 13, 1977

The new Frederic School was dedicated last Sunday. James Duley, President of the Crawford Au-Sable Board of Education formally accepted the school and Superintendent Fraser Dean gave a brief speech to the community members who attended the dedication.

Ben Apps has been promoted to Vice President-Controller of Bear Archery Division. Victor Comptometer Corp. Apps is a resident of Higgins Lake and a graduate of Gerrish-Higgins High School.

The start of the White Pine Stampede cross country ski race has been moved to the Hartwick Pines area.

Warner "Ted" Pratt retired after 34 years with the Crawford County Road Commission.

County Clerk Leo Lovely administered the oath of office to the county commissioners at the organizational meeting, January 3. The commissioners are Rolla Failing, Fred Kauffman, Mary Harland, Mathew Bidvia, Edward Lowrie, Edwin Martindale, Jr., and Lawrence Mattis.

The Road Commission discussed the proposed new office, repair shop and storage buildings to be funded by the Economic Development Administrative Grant, if the application is approved.

46 Years Ago

January 14, 1954

With the rise in the wholesale price of coffee, a cup of "java" is going to cost you a full dime in Grayling starting Monday, January 18. Local coffee houses who are going from 7¢ to 10¢ per cup next Monday are Grayling Restaurant, Dawson's Hanson's Cafe, Hunter's Dairy, Lone Pine Inn, Dad Hanson's and Failing's Restaurant.

George Burke, 83-year-old former

Grayling mayor and Crawford County Supervisor is reported in "good" condition today after he was hospitalized following his rescue last Friday morning at 1 a.m. in a swamp 14 miles west of Grayling. He had gone out to inspect property he owns at Bear Lake. Sheriff's deputies found his car stalled in a woods trail about four miles off the main highway, where it had run out of gasoline. They followed his trail. He had walked nearly three miles on the trail, then apparently lost the trail and was three quarters of a mile in the swamp when located.

The construction of the new Conservation-Correction Commissions new prison labor camp, east of Camp Lehman in the Hartwick Pines State Park area is proceeding in spite of sub zero temperatures and snowy winter weather. Several days with temperatures down near 20 below have been recorded so far, but because of demands on myriads of Conservation projects near Grayling the camp building program will proceed.

The City Council went on record as being in favor of the removal of the dam on the west side of the bridge and on US-27; to vacate and close part of Spruce Street between Ottawa and Ogema for school improvements; and for the use of city property east of Michigan Avenue in the northeast section of the city for a recreational program.

69 Years Ago

January 15, 1931

Grayling Northern Lights lost to Gaylord in a hard fought game Friday night, score 26 to 23, on the Gaylord floor. It was a torrid game of basketball played before a packed house. Grayling Lumberjacks nosed out the Clare Merchants at Clare by a score of 20-17.

Mrs. Fred Lamm had the misfortune to dislocate her left shoulder

Sunday when she fell while skating at School Section Lake.

Arnold Burrows is absent from his meat market owing to an injury he received at the Toboggan slide Thursday night. He received a bad bruise to the right side of his face and had a couple of ribs cracked. Riding with Harry Weiss, the toboggan overturned on the ice on Lake Margrethe.

The bus line that has been in operation a few weeks between Detroit and the Soo, stops everyday at Shoppenagons Inn for passengers.

E.A. Mason has returned to Grayling from Detroit and resumed his former position as foreman at the M. C. roundhouse.

The new Ford, sold by George Burke is priced from \$435 to \$660. Bumpers and spare tire at small extra cost. The New Ford will do 55 to 65 miles per hour.

92 Years Ago

January 16, 1908

Born, January 14, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker of Beaver Creek, a son.

Married January 11, Anthony R. Engler of Madison, Wisconsin and Miss Margrethe Fischer of Grayling.

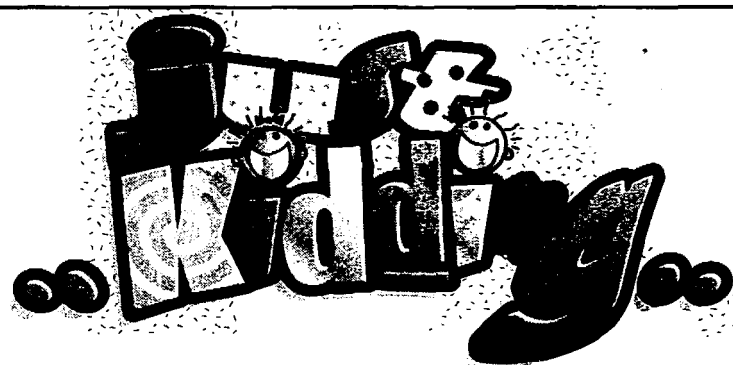
Ferdinand Sorenson of Grayling and Miss Susie Cohoon of Alpena were married by Rev. A.C. Kildegaard on January 12.

Theodore Gendron, wife and daughter of Frederic, are visiting in Quebec.

Rosa Lewis and Lizzie Cobb of Frederic have returned to their schools.

C. W. Miller of Lovells has been busy the past week with chickenpox, or chickenpox has kept Charley busy.

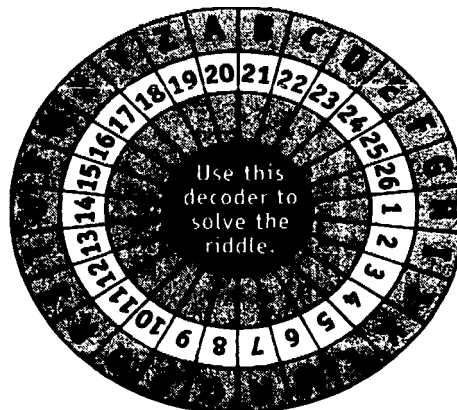
Mrs. E. McCracken received notice that her son, Benjamin Harrison Bunting has joined the Navy and will be stationed on the Battleship Maryland.



SECRET CODE

What grows down as it grows up?

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
1/4	25	17	trace	6"
1/5	24	16	1"	6.5"
1/6	33	18	trace	6"
1/7	27	14		6"
1/8	40	16		4"
1/9	36	33		3"
1/10	38	32	trace	3"

Extended Forecast courtesy of Excite Weather: Wednesday - chilly, cloudy, high around 24 and low around 19. Thursday chilly with over cast and snow showers, high around 26 and low around 12. Friday - chilly with broken clouds, high around 25 and low around 16. Saturday - cool and mainly cloudy, high around 31 and low around 22.

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$5.75 per column inch
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 Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:
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Crawford County Avalanche

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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

AUSABLE RIVER Front lot, main middle branch. Call 740-797-2801. (LR2/10/00/1)

TWO-THREE BEDROOM 1,500 square foot, family room-one car garage. \$57,000 By appointment. 517-348-7355 (12/9/99)(1)

1. Real Estate

HOME LOANS Purchases, Refinance, Debt Consolidation, Home Improvement, No/Bad/Perfect credit. Fairway Mortgage 888-466-6235 (-6-13-20-27/1)

AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES Building sites starting at \$7,000. Spec log home with loft. Well, septic, electric service. \$49,000 Near river and state land. 517-348-7355 (12/9/99)(1)

THREE BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH 1250 sq. ft. home built in 1999. Two car attached, two plus acres. 517-348-4840 (-13-20-27-3/1)

2. For Rent

CABIN FOR RENT Sleeps four, call 517-348-8350. (10/14/99)(2)

2. For Rent

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT \$250 per month utilities included, near uptown. Phone 517-348-8681 (-6-13/2)

MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$18,900 for two person household. Rent based on 30% of gross monthly income. Barrier free unit available. Call Rose 517-344-2611 or Mary Ann 906-932-5500 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. (9/16/99)(2)

DOWNTOWN BUILDING FOR RENT 227 Michigan Avenue. Approximately 4,000 square feet. Excellent business opportunity. Inquiries call 517-344-2222. (9/23/99)(2)

2. For Rent

THREE BEDROOM HOME on Golfview Drive. Cable TV, stove and refrigerator furnished. Section 8 accepted, senior and two person discount, available now. \$525 per month. Also, late model 14 x 70 mobile home, three bedroom. Natural gas heat. Cable TV. Located in GME \$485 Section 8 accepted, single and senior citizen discount. Call Ron at 517-348-6761. (12/9/99)(2)

NICE TWO BEDROOM mobile home. Natural gas, cable, section 8 approved, no pets. Call Michelle 517-348-7893. \$390 month (-6-13/2)

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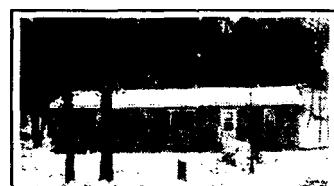
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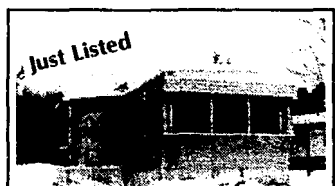
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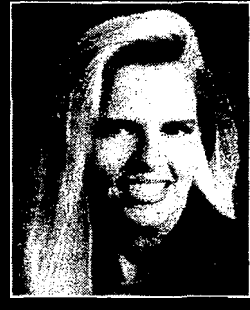
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2. For Rent

FOR RENT One bedroom apartment, second story, city limits, single, non-smoking, employed adult only, no pets. 517-348-6071 (1/6/00)(1/2)

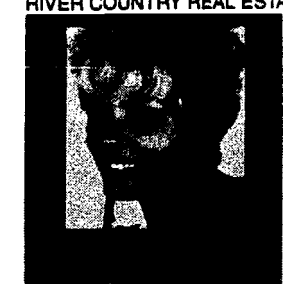
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1. Real Estate

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3. Employment

APPLICATIONS BEING TAKEN Are you looking for work that has job security and benefits? Do you take pride in your work? We have room for advancement for the right individuals. Please apply at Charlie's Country Corner, Four Mile Rd., Exit 251 off I-75. (-13/3)

3. Employment

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CITY OF GRAYLING is hiring a full-time clerical person to work in the front office. Pay range \$8-\$10 per hr./full benefits. Must have good computer skills with spreadsheet and database experience. Accounting a plus. Must be multi-task oriented. Please send resume to Grayling City Hall, 103 S. James St., Grayling, MI 49738 no later than Wednesday, January 19th. (-13/3)

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1. Real Estate

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Lovely brick & cedar-sided ranch home across from Fox Run Country Club. This home must be visited to appreciate. Features include circle drive, large open floor plan featuring see-through fireplace, 10' ceiling and mirrored wet bar. #4361 Reduced \$189,000 Ask for Randy Thompson!



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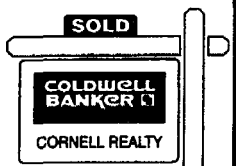
Very well maintained, neat and clean two bedroom home within walking distance of the AuSable River, schools, shopping and post office. The perfect home for a young couple starting out or the retiree couple wanting to downsize. #4515 \$44,500 Ask for Scott Hanson!



This lively 4 bedroom Ranch home is sitting on 5 acres on the corner of 5 Mile and Oak Roads. It has a full master bath, oak kitchen cabinets, brass lighting fixtures, a very nice snack bar between the kitchen and dining room. A french door wall leading out onto a deck in the back yard, a large garage with work shop. This home is just minutes from Grayling, Lake Margrethe, Higgins Lake and Fox Run Golf Course. #4465 \$89,900 Ask for John Kuszak!



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7. Miscellaneous

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S Speakeasy Saloon Live entertainment Tuesday thru Saturday bands playing Jan. 5-Jan. 8 and Jan. 12 Denny Luce, Jan. 13-Jan. 15 Loose Cannons. (-6-13/8)

GUN SHOW Cadillac, Wexford Civic Arena, North US-131, January 15 and 16, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4. 22 Rifle Door Prize. J&J Sport Shows. 1-800-968-5016 (-13/8)

SPIKE'S KEG O' NAILS presents a Beach Party in January. Drink specials, food specials, Karaoke with Cal. 8 p.m. until midnight on Thurs., Jan 13th. Join in the fun wearing shorts or beach hats! (-13/8)

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HOW DO YOU SPELL Friday? We spell it S P I K E S. Enjoy our Fish Fry for lunch or dinner, but come early. Saturday night is still our Prime Rib Night, serving from 4-10 p.m. (-13-20-27-3/8)

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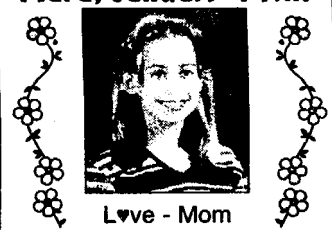
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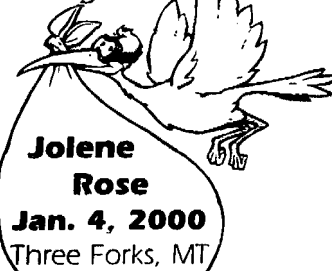
9. Personals

Happy 10th Birthday Mara, January 14th!



Love - Mom

CONGRATULATIONS!
Rae & Shawn Collins
It's a girl!



Jolene Rose
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Love your family & friends

9. Personals

A WAKE will be held in memory of Walter (Jim) Bendig at the American Legion Hall on January 22 at 12 noon. Food provided by the American Legion Auxiliary. Entertainment provided by "Free Wheelin'" Fred Hinkle. Donations in memory of Walter J. Bendig can be sent to the American Legion Auxiliary or to the Grayling Booster Club. All friends and family invited. (-13/9)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ASHLEY Sweet 16. Luv, Dad and Mom. (-13/9)

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY to Bill Fraser. From family and friends. (-13/9)

Happy 21st Birthday Valerie!

Love - Amy & James

10. Garage Sales



11. Automotive

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